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Blast over Atlantic leaves 228 dead and a big question: was it a bomb or an accident?

A scar in the ocean

DAVID USBORNE East Moriches, New York

You would not imagine that the open ocean could bear a scar. But here, 12 miles out from the sandy southern coast of Long Is-land, New York, and 6,000 feet in the air, that is just what can he seen. Beneath me, in the exact spot where TWA 800 met its terrible end at about 8.40 pm on Wednesday night, there is a dark and ugly gash of unburned aviation fuel and oil.

A little higher and we would be at the same altitude at which the 747 jumbo jet, bound for Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris with 228 passengers and crew, erupted into a fireball and phimmeted into the waves. And now, to peer down from a circling helicopter is to understand only a fraction of the hortor of what happened in these skies on Wednesday evening.

At the time of the explosion it was already dark and rescue efforts were almost impossible. When the rescue mission got fully underway, there were at least 20 vessels searching. They patrolled the area constantly, in the rapidly fading hope that some survivors would still be found vesterday.

helicopters skimmed the waves over a search area that expanded to a radius of 200 miles. The aircraft, by now, is either even though the aircraft was ellying deep down on the sandy bottom of the sea, or, more like-ly, is shattered into thousands

of pieces. One section of the aircraft, of about 30 feet, has been retrieved, but hundreds of small pieces of wreekage remain, hobbing on the waves. Tray tahles, seat-backs and life jackets

suitcases and small, personal,

From the site of the crash, a relay of ships sailed north to the small pleasure port of East Moriches. Equipment was sent out to belp with the search, including technology for locating the aircraft's black boxes.

Some of the ships moving towards land were carrying bodies. By midday yesterday about 100 bodies had been found, some intact, others in pieces.

Everything retrieved by the ships will be minutely examined for clues. Uppermost in most minds is the thought that only

Inside

Lockerbie disaster remembered; Age of jet raises questions; Who might plant a bomb; Luck and despair

- pages 4,5 some kind of bomb, detonated on board, could have precipitated so violent a crash.

At the East Moriebes Coast Guard station, a command cenand yesterday. tre has been set up with a full array of state and federal officials, including agents from the this was no mechanical failure. derly. A 747-131, it was first put

into service by TWA in 1971. Officials warn that finding the cause of the crash will probably take several days.

At a brief White House press conference, President Bill Clinton said: "Let's wait until we get the facts and let's remember the families. We do not know what float on the surface alongside caused this tragedy."

The explosion was first witnessed by the crew of an aircraft of the New York Air Guard on

"There was a large flash," reported Lieutenant Colonel Charles Sties, "then the debris began breaking up. The Air Guard plane beaded towards the scene but pulled back because debris was still falling".

On shore, the Coast Guard heard the distress call, "Mayday Mayday," and then nothing

Local people who had been enjoying a halmy summer evening on their shore-side verandas reported hearing a large explosion, and then seeing a falling fireball followed by a trail of dark smoke. Rescuers said aviation fuel burned on the water for several hours into the early morning.

The plane had arrived in New York from Athens. Reports said it had undergone some lastminute repairs on the ground just before lifting off for its last flight.

There was, however, one blessing for air passengers on a TWA connecting flight from Chicago: their aircraft did not make it to New York in time for them to catch the ill-fated transatiantic service.

Back at East Moriches, authorities were trying to drive away the crowds of onlookers on the shore and the many who had sailed out to the crash site, some in search of thrills, others hoping to help in the search for

Sitting in his small fishing boat early in the morning. Fred Spiers expressed puzzlement at the exodus to the ocean. "I don't know what they are

going to see, except a load of bodies out there," he said.



Evidence of the disaster: A wing of the crashed aircraft floating in the water off New York

The 5,000 men whose warped minds threaten our children

ROGER DOBSON

Mr Justice Richard Curtis called him a "fiend" and said he should he jailed for ever. Howard Hughes, paedophile and murderer of 7-year-old Sophie Hook had made "every parent's nightmare come to

After Hughes left Chester court the judge said it was time to change the law to protect so-ciety from evil men. There are, by most estimates, about 5,000 men in Britain convicted of sex offences who are obsessed with having sex with young children

Mr Justice Curtis called for greater supervision of convicted paedophiles, adding: "If such action is taken, perhaps Sophie Hook will not have died

new law to ban them from even trying to get a job with children, and compulsory DNA tests for those convicted are among the steps already being taken by the

Government. Offenders would have to reg-ister with police when they moved address, so their whereabouts would always be known and on the national computer. However, paedophiles have a high rate of re-offending.

According to Catherine Doran, a child protection specialist in Haringey, north Lon-don, paedophiles are still operating in residential institutions, although almost 20 men, many of them care workers. have been jailed for offences against children in bomes.

There is little doubt that

ing within residential provision in this country," she says.

Paedophiles, she says, come from all social classes, but their victims are usually working class and vulnerable children. Paedophiles themselves say

there are two types of abusers, the non-predatory and the predatory. The non-predatory are those who believe children can enjoy and can give consent to sex acts. One offender had 20 amusement machines in his garage to attract young people, says Dr Ray Wyre, a psycholo-

gist and expert on sex crime. Predatory paedophiles sexu-ally abuse. Like Hughes, they are prepared to abduct children.

expressing," Dr Wyre said.

Characteristics of paedophiles are that they are over 25, have no dating pattern with men or women, select children who are physically or emotionally neglected, do not marry or have a marriage of convenience. and belong to children's or-

They also often enjoy photographing children, as did Hughes. Some operate as ioners. But others are part of an informal network, where photographs, contact magazines and addresses are exchanged.

Ms Doran urges closer mon-itoring than the Home Office announced, "If there is an in-They are willing to grab a child, to abuse and manipulate, to threaten, and to ignore the control of the contro vestigation and it comes to

there are central figures. At pre-sent, if it comes to nothing, the investigation is only known about among those who carried it out." Others want an allega-tions register. That might, for example, have picked up the Dunhlane gunman. Thomas

Hamilton, at an early stage. An insidious trait among paedophiles is the so-called grooming of victims to become abusers themselves. The paedophile will encourage the child to abuse others, which turns the child into a perpetrator who is less likely to complain.

One problem with bringing paedophiles to justice is that their victims refuse to give evidence or the courts do not value their indgement.

Violent paedophile, page 8

psychological problems which

showed up as psychosomatic symptoms. And there was an in-

cident on the Mir space station

involving a chess match," said

Dr Wood. What happened?

"We don't know exactly, but

they don't allow them to play

The ideal Mars astronaut

chess up there anymore.

QUICKLY

MoD in art row Ministry of Defence officials were severely criticised for their careless attitude towards publicly owned works of arts in a report released by the Commons Public Accounts Committee yesterday. Page 7

Labour strike action The Labour leadership is con-sidering the introduction of a law providing for compulsory

binding arbitration for public service workers. In the face of union opposition, the party was said to be keen on a "no-strike" system which could resolve disputes without industrial action.

Briton leads Open Paul Broadhurst led the field on the first day of the British Open at Lytham St Annes. The Englishman shot a course record-

equalling 65. CONTENTS Section 1 BUSINESS LAW REPORT18 LEADER AND LETTERS . 15 SPORT 24-28 UNIT TRUSTS23

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MASTERPIECE

Red Dwarf lesson for red planet astronauts

Science Editor

Would-be astronauts hoping to venture to Mars, take note: do not pack your chess sets. "Competitive board games will be banned from the two-year flight because they could turn the space mission into a potentialdisastrous clash of egos rivalling the television series Red Dwarf.

Instead, long-distance space travellers will probably be given a computer "psychologist", like Hal, the eternally caim computer in 2001: A Space Odyssey, to which they can pour other incribers of the crew. They will also be encouraged



Happy crew: The cast of the cult TV series Red Dwarf - not recommended as companions for a space trip to Mars

to play "co-operative" games, case, [the stress] could jeoparsuch as Dungeons and Dragons, dise the mission and the crew's to reduce the stress, boredom, lives," said JoAnna Wood, who out their frustrations about the anxiety and depression, which has been studying the subject could lead to the biggest systems with a team in Houston, home failure of all. "In an extreme of the US space agency Nasa.

probably be a six-strong mixed team, with one person having to be the "jolly, ontgoing" type to lift the others through low periods, reckons Dr Wood, who yesterday led a discussion about the psychology of long space missions at an astronomers' meeting in Birmingham. She knows close confine-

would be "adventurous, able to ment for long periods can affect people: a colleague sent to tolerate boredom and able to work as a team." Dr Wood said. study scientists in the Antarctic became so unpopular that one of them smashed the researcher's computer - which belonged to Dr Wood.

As spacecraft stay in orbit longer, their occupants' weaknesses are highlighted. "The Russians had to end two mis-

A key element could be a computer to which crew members could pour out their anger. "It would give them the opportunity to vent their frustrations without having to talk to somebody who was part of

The ideal Mars team will sions early because the crew had

RUC admits blunder over Killyhevlin bomb

ALAN MURDOCH

The Royal Ulster Constabulary has admitted to a catastrophic blunder in failing to monitor the movements of a jeep later used in last Saturday's bombing of the Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen despite a tip-off from gardai in the Irish Republic.

The silver Isuzu Trooper eep, stolen in Duhlin on 3 July, was stopped at a garda vehicle.

checkpoint at midnight on 4 July near Redhills in County Cavan. When the driver was asked to produce insurance and identificution he drove off at speed.

The RUC were quickly warned to watch for the vehiele. Three days later they spot-ted it near Newtownbutter in Fermanagh, and after consultation with gardai it emerged it was carrying false number off from the Provisional Sina plates taken from a similar

But RUC officers then left the jeep unattended, and when they returned to the scene it had disappeared.

it was later packed with more than L000lbs of home-made explosives by the bombers. Gar-da intelligence experts believe terrorist attack, the vehicle the bombers were members or supporters of Republican Sinn Fein and IRA in 1986. The IRA itself has denied responsibility.

fn a statement, the RUC people, including members of confirmed the jeep crossed the border and was left 500 metres treated for shock, and destroyed hicle is pointed followed up."

Irish justice: inside Fermanagh: "Due to the much of the recently-refurdangers represented by its lohished hotel.

Liz O'Donnell, justice spokeswoman of the Irish Opposition Progressive Democcould not be recovered before rats said: "There will have to be it was driven off." The RUC is questions asked at the most secontinuing to appeal for infornior level. There has obviously mation on the jeep's movebeen a lapse on their side. ments prior to the bombing.

Clearly, from their own security point of view, if a suspect ve-

Irish justice minister Nora Owen said the matter was being raised at yesterday's Anglo-Irish Conference in Duhlin, where RUC Chief Constable Hugh Annesly was attending a security committee meeting.

Mrs Owen said the Garda Siochana and the RUC had a good working relationship in exchange of information which

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Ps admitted yesterday that Parliament "makes its procedures as impenetrable as possible to outsiders". In a first step to clarifying the work at Westminster, the all-party Commons Committee on Procedure has recommended the ending of "one small nonsense in the realm of procedure". They say that the term "standing committee" which considers Bills in detail, is "at best unbeliable and at a part and the standing committee." unhelpful and at worst positively misleading" and should be changed to "general committees".

There is a growing move among MPs to abolish jargon from the language of Parliament to make it intelligible to the layman.

Two young convicts who found £580 hidden in a chair they were working on at Deerbolt Young Offenders Institution at Barnard Castle, County Durham, were praised for their honesty after they handed the wad nf notes to an instructor. Geoffrey Snaith, 20, and Jamie Roberts, 19, each received a £20 reward from the 79-yearold owner of the chair after the cash was returned to her. She believes it was hidden by her late husband.

the Scottish Prison Service lost £2m last year on property and computer deals which went wrong, according to a National Audit Office report published yesterday. Sir John Bourn, auditor general, highlighted the two cases in his audit of the prisons agency.

A £1.8m loss was made on the purchase and subsequent sale of Middleton Hall, Midlothian, which was intended for a prison service college. The property was bought in 1989 for £1.3m despite a valuer's assessment that it was worth only £700,000. No structural survey was carried out before it was bought and emergency repairs were required. The prison college project was cancelled due to a redirection of resources and Middleton Hall sold

The second big loss was on a computer maintenance contract. The prisons agency paid for the three-year contract of £266,000 in advance at the beginning of 1996. Less than six weeks later the supplier went into receivership and the prisons agency does not expect to

A foetus may feel pain by the 10th week of life, according to research published by an anti-abortion parliamentary group yesterday. The report, compiled by 15 experts, called for more research into the possibility of foetal pain and criticised the study on which the Department of Health bases its position.

Pro-choice groups say that the cortex does not develop fully until 26 weeks and is essential for pain sensations. But the report argues that the cortex is responsible for a "great deal less than people imagine" and that the thalamus could play a vital part in

experiencing pain.

More than 50 MPs have signed an Early Day Motion put forward by the Conservative MP Elizabeth Peacock attacking partial birth abortion, in which the foetus is withdrawn from the womb by piercing the skull and suck-ing out the brains until the head collapses. Glenda Cooper

Soya-based baby milk containing gender-bending chemicals does not appear to pose a risk to infants, experts said yesterday. The Government issued new health advice telling parents who use soya-based formulae on medical grounds to continue to do so. Parents who opt for soya-based milk for non-medical reasons were advised to consult their GP.

Soya products contain phytoestrogens which have been linked to infertility in animals.

John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, was hranded "arrogant" and "dictatorial" by MPs yesterday, as he sought to defend his plan to merge World Service news with the domestic news organisation.

MPs on the foreign affairs select committee attacked the plans and the lack of consultation before they were announced and enacted on 7 June. Under questioning. Mr Birt's deputy, Boh Phillis, admitted that he had only two days' notice of the reorganisation, but that it was the director general's right to make difficult decisions as he

Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, and Foreign Office ministers had also been left in the dark about the changes until the last minute. "You seem not to be acting so much like the Director-General of the BBC hut as a Tsar," accused Robert

Wareing (Labour, Liverpool West Derby).

Mr Birt told the committee the changes had been too radical to permit general consultation. "It is inherently ridiculous to say that I or any of the governors of the BBC would wish to do anything hut good to the World Service."

Chris Green resigned as chief executive of English Heritage last night following a report concerning alleged administrative irregularities. Mr Green is a former British Rail manager

Labour examining no-strike law

Public service workers face clampdown on action, writes **Barrie** Clement

In the teeth of union opposition the Labour leadership is seriously considering introducing a law providing for compulsory binding urbitration for millions of public service workers. As the Royal Mail and Lon-

don Underground were hit by 24-hour strikes yesterday, senior Labour figures said the party was keen to introduce a "nostrike" system to resolve dis-putes without industrial action. An influential source predicted that two or three years

intn a Labour government a po-tential "flashpoint" could be public sector pay, given the party's insistence on financial discipline and the wage hill freeze imposed by the present administration. The Labour source said that

the system could include a definite timetable for disputes to be resolved quickly. Amnng the groups of workers which could be included are firefighters, teachers, nurses and local government workers.

Most trade unionists are opposed to compulsory hinding arhitration because it effectively outlaws strikes, removing what many trade unionists regard as a fundamental civil right.

Brushing aside taunts by the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, the call by David Blunkett, Secre- muddy the waters." tary of State for Education and industrial action on the Tube itration.



Summer in the city: Heavy traffic in central London yesterday during the strike which left only five Tube trains running Photograph: Givnn Griffiths

John Prescott, deputy Labour leader, reportedly had to be "scraped off the wall" when he heard about his colleague's assertions.

Lew Adams, general secre-tary of the train drivers' union. issued a statement addressed to politicians of all parties, but clearly aimed at the Labour Lahour leader, refused in the Commons to condemn the postal and tube strikes. His office, however, later repeated a condemn to your sclves. Our dispute is with London Underground. Don't

Boh Crowe, assistant gener-Employment, for an end to al secretary of the RMT transpolitical dispute. Any interference by the Government for po-

litical reasons will be counterproductive and unhelpful, and that goes for intervention by an Opposition party. Arbitration is not a real substitute for nego-

Alan Johnson, leader of the Communication Workers' Union, doubted whether arbitration would help in the postal dispute. He said that there would be "howls of anguish" from employers rather than unions if arbitration became

compulsory. Mr Johnson, however, said his union was happy to respond port union, said: "ft is not a to an invitation to take the

Unrest is not revolution

Compared with the so-called Winter of Discontent in 1979, when around one-quarter of the working population were employed in industries hit by industrial action, the walkouts by the postal workers and drivers on London Underground are small beer indeed.

time low. fn 1979 some1,272 days were lost per 1,000 emyear the figure was down to 19. postal workers to conduct "suc-The present unrest is unlikely

to change the total by much. The two most damaging disputes at Moyal Mail and London Underground have

important factors in common. Working days lost through in-dustrial action remain at an all-working practices by employees working practices by employees in state-owned enterprises. The ability of the London Unployees through strikes. Last derground employees and

fashioned industrial muscle. Despite legislation outlawing the closed shop, in both cases the workforce is highly unionised. A second and more important:

element is management's inahility to dismiss their workers and replace them by recruiting from the dole queues. There is no alternative army of Tube dri-vers and the Royal Mail would find it difficult to employ even a small part of the 130,000 staff taking industrial action.

Barrie Clement

Left-wingers cry foul

Allegations of ballot-rigging for next week's shadow cabinet elections were being made last night by left-wing Labour MPs saidsome MPs had been offered the week off in return for their blank voting papers.

The left-wing MPs were claiming that the whips were trying to defend the position of Harriet Harman, the health said. spokeswoman, who is threatened with defeat because of her decision to send her son to a selective grammar school. One MP said he was ap-

that if he was away next week. he could leave his ballot form to be handed in by a "reliable" colleague who would east his votes by proxy.

Alan Simpson, a leader of the left wing Campaign Group of

Labour MPs, said he had heard of MPs being told to leave ballot papers with the whips for proxies to be arranged. "If these allegations are true, it will make a mockery of the demoeratic process. People are bound to draw conclusions that windfall leave is the reward for windfall loyalty," he said.

"What is happening is a disgrace," another left-wing MP

Although provy voting is within the rules, it could be open to abuse. The rules on prove voting were tightened up to stop ballot-rigging some years ago afproached by a whip and told ter allegations that fistfuls of empty ballot papers were being handed over to white in eschange for favours such as herter rooms and more time off. MPs are now barred from casting multiple proxy votes. The Commons is due to rise

for the summer process next Wednesday - the day the shadow cabinet results will be announced - and some may relish the prospect of an extra

week away from the Commons. In defence of Ms Harman, it has been made clear to other front-benchers that their posts could be at risk if they break runks and challenge sitting shadow cabinet

members. The Campaign Group has organised its own "slate" to vote for Irene Adams and Ann Clwvd, two challengers, to remove Ms Harman. They are also backing Margaret Beckett and Ann Taylor. Shadow Leader of the House.

The left-wingers fear she could be at risk for defying Tony Blair and calling on MPs to vote for the 26 per cent pay increase last week.

PM calls Tories to order

cessful" action is based on old-

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister issued a rallying call last night for a May 1997 election as he urged a meeting of Conservative MPs to show discipline "every day" between now and then.

"It is time to stop being bystanders and commentators and time to become advocates for what we passionately believe, because we leve our country and want it to succeed," he told a crowded meeting of backbenchers and ministers at Westminster. "Don't book a holiday

next spring," he tald them. The Cabinet earlier agreed dates for the Queen's Speech, setting out the pre-election legislative programme, nn 23 October, and the Budget, nn 26 November, the milestones in the "long campaign".

But by playing it long the Government could be facing discontent from thousands of public-sector workers who will be told this winter that they can only expect pay increases if they are paid for by efficiency savings or other economies as part of the strategy to cut spending to make room for tax cuts in the Budget. Some public-sector unions were warning of trouble ahead if they have in settle for rises of 2-3 per cent while MPs enjoy rises of 26 per cent.

ment of the pay freeze prompted angry calls of "hypocrisy" in the Commons. However, Mr Major's end-ofterm address in the 1922 Cnmmittee drew desk-banging approval when he declared: "The Labour Party doesn't have a single policy borne out af strang conviction - everything

And John Major's announce-

is borne out of what would resonate with the electorate on a daily basis. He said: "We must win the

hearts and minds of the 14 million people whn voted Tory last time ... and ask every day, 'Have I done something today to help win the election?' and 'Have I avoided doing anything tnday which would in-crease the risk of losing?" The Chancellor will rein-

farce the message for pay re-straint in letters to the pay review bodies. The Cabinet agreed to fix a public-spending ceiling of £268bn for next year hut gave the Chancellor's Cabinet EDX committee nn expenditure a remit to come under that figure if possible. One senior Cahinet source

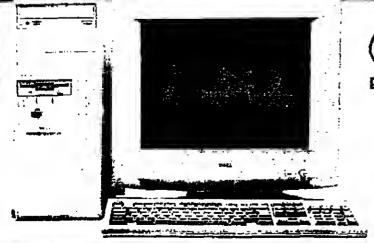
said there would be a full package of bills in the Queen's

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The lost programmes of Atlanta

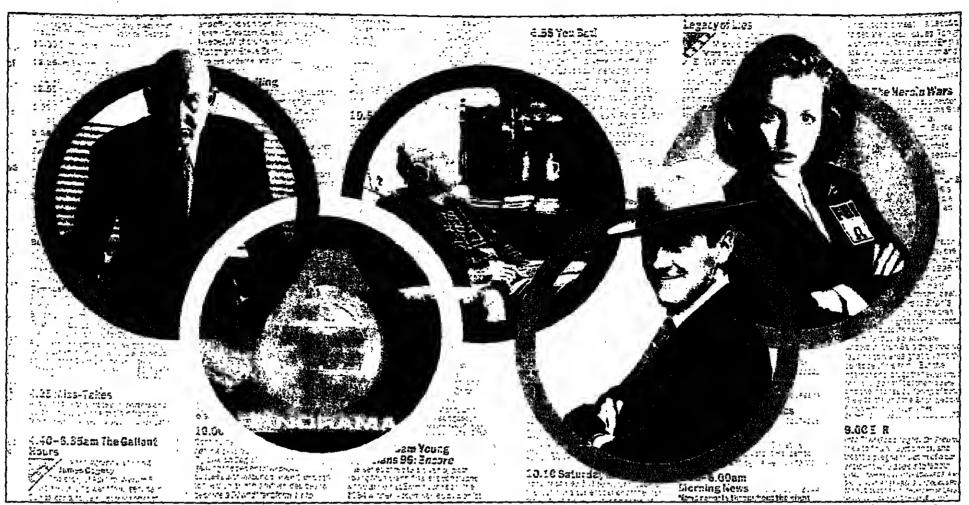
This weekend sees the start of the BBC's wall-to-wall Olympic coverage. But is it all too much? Michael Streeter reports

As the natioo settles down in front of its television sets for 300 hours of coverage of the Olympics, the fightback against wall-to-wall sport has started. A coalition, including Tory MPs and fans of the cult series Murder One, is taking on the

BBC - with some early success Followers of Murder One. which is huilding to its dramatic climax, forced the corporation into a mini-climbdown after learning that the next two weeks of episodes were being postponed to make way for the Allanta Games, which open today. The BBC agreed to show two episodes of the show coosecutively as sooo as the Games arc over, and to broadcast the final programme the next evening.

Other programmes to be hit will be Watchdog, Panorama, Mastermind, the hit comedy Goodnight Sweetheart, Auntie's Bloomers, Small Talk, the Good Food Show, and Summer Holidays. Screenings of the first series of The X-Files will be re-

duced from two to one a week. David Wilshire, Conservative MP for Spelthorne, said he will be seeking assurances from Mr Birt that future gluts of televised sport are scheduled more sensitively for those with little



"The current scheduling is ridiculous." he said. "To block up just one channel could be done quite happily, but to do it to both is too much. I think there has been an overdosing of sport this summer. It is a ques-

viewers' groups and many leading figures contacted by the Independent, come on the eve of 300 hours of Olympic coverage on BBC1 and BBC2 over the oext two weeks, costing £30m. A spokeswoman said: "We The BBC counter-claims by are delighted to be the nation-

saying that, on BBC2 in particular, there will he regular favourites, refugees from BBC1 and new shows, including Gar-deners' World, Top of the Pops and Ready, Steady, Cook.

al Olympic broadcaster. It is an amazing event, and oot just for On the Murder One row, she

added: "We ask our viewers to be a little hit patient because we out, the Olympics are not the have a major commitment to only issue; this summer will have the Olympic Games. only issue; this summer will have seen the Euro 96 football cham-

figns remarks throughout the night "However, they will be getting a triple treat when the three isodes are shown. It's definitely worth the wait."

Signing News

But, as Mr Wilshire pointed

tal of six cricket Tests. The British Opeo Golf Championship is also being extensive-The National Viewers' and

pionships, Wimbledon, and a to-

Rescheduled: Popular BBC programmes to have been moved because of the Games include (from left) Murder One, Panorama, One Foot in the Grave, Goodnight Sweetheart and The X-Files

more sport will cause frictioo in some households, a view echoed by the marriage guid-

ance organisation Relate.

Meanwhile, Sky TV added to
the BBC's embarrassment over the Murder One row by announcing that it would be rerunning the final episodes over the oext few weeks.

And Channel 4 bosses have moved Brookside to an earlier slot to compete with the BBC's extensive evening Olympics

The Liverpool-hased soap will run alongside The Essential Olympics at 8pm, an earlier time than usual, on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays from 23 July to 2 August.

As for sport, on a typical day of Olympic coverage, for example next Wednesday, BBC1 will be broadcasting the Games from 7am to 9am, from 9.05am to 12,35pm, from 1.40pm to 5.35pm, from 7pm to 9pm and from 10.20pm through to

On the same day, BBC2 will feature the Games from 9pm to 10.20pm.

Viewers reeling from this news should beware; the BBC Listeners' Association fears has the rights to television cov-

The TV viewers' marathon: time to turn on, tune in, or opt out?



Michael Parkinson

was replacing anything worth watching, If it was not for the sport on the TV, what would there be to watch? Dreadful shows such as Oprah Winfrey and repeats of crappy old game shows. "I would rather watch a run-

ner on drugs than Ricki Lake."



Joan Bakewell

getting books from the library and coverage. Nine O'Clock News. They won't one." change that, it's sacred."



"I might be worried if the sport "I know plenty of people are "It does seem to me that the BBC "I'm the worst person to ask, "I am a sports buff, but I think "I enjoy sport myself. But I can interested in sport, but I shall be are going a bit over the top in their because I am a big sports

> sitting in the sun. The BBC have "I am a sports fan, but I think been pretty clumsy over Murder a lot of people have very good that has been on this summer One, they built up people's reason to complain about the is enormous. And the Olympics expectations, I am a bit of a news amount of sport on TV. But have so many different events junkle and shall be watching the then, it's difficult to please every- that I do not really see it as a



Tony Banks MP

enthusiast.

problem for people."



Terry Wogan

most people around the coun- year in four." try are interested in sport. They

are not, I would reckon it to be about 60-40 against sport."



Stirling Moss

that with the Olympics, there is see why some would be upset a case for saying that the events by this, and I can understand the The range and variety of sport are pretty boring, until you get outcry over all this sport on to the semi-finals and finals television. Though in the case later on. The assumption is that of the Olympics, it is only one



"I think the programmers have got it reasonably well-balanced

"The BBC have got their researchers, they know what the public want and presumably, if it became counter-productive they would stop it. As it is, they're catering for public demand."



Dean refuses to quit troubled Lincoln Cathedral ceotre of a row over the running of Lincoln Cathedral has told

the Archbishop of Canterbury

that he will not resign. The archbishop, Dr George lution to the controversy was for both Dean Brandon Jackson and Subdean Rex Davis to

oot stand down - and yesterday Dr Jackson revealed he also intended to stay.

Neither cleric can be forced to leave because both men, who Carey, has said that the only so- are in their early 60s, were appointed by the Crown and have the right to remain in their posts until the age of 70.

ment that he would be willing to resign only if Canon Davis left as well. "As the subdean has declined to leave, [I have] advised the archbishop that [I do] oot propose to leave at this time," he added. He said that the pressure on him to stay at Lincoln was "very considerable and growing by the day".

Dr Carey said he hoped that

flect oo what is best for the Church and the cootinuing ministry of the cathedral".

The controversy began in the late 1980s after the cathedral lost nearly £60,000 wheo a fundraising trip to Australia, organised by Canon Davis.

weot wrong. Shortly afterward Dr Jackson

then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, with a brief to "sort

out" the cathedral's affairs. Since theo the rift between Dr Jackson and Canoo Davis has deepened and cathedral staff have complained about the dean's "abrasive" management

Dr Jacksoo bas also beeo

sexually harassed a woman

verger. Earlier this mooth, Dr Carey said the controversy had "shamed" the Church and called for both clerics to step

The archbishop called for resignations at a press cooference in Lambeth Palace

"both men will continue to re- was appointed dean by the cleared of allegations that he after meeting both men privately.

The manner in which Dr Carey made his call upset Dr Jackson, who said he thought the meetings had been

And earlier this week he criticised the archbishop for projecting the matter into the public domain".



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It was to have been the dream trip to the city that symbolises the culture and language they had studied for years. Instead, for 16 students from a small, tight-knit town in rural Pennsylvania and five adult chaperones, Wednesday evening's TWA Flight 800 from New York to Paris was a 25-minute

trip to a fiery death. Each great air disaster has its poignant stories, of supreme good fortune and the ultimate misfortune. Into the first category comes the unspecified number of Paris-bound passengers on a TWA flight from Chicago that evening, so de-layed by heavy rain that they missed their connection, which itself left an hour late. In the second belong the members of the "French club" from Mon-toursville High School.

Every two or three years, the cluh makes its sentimental journcy. Its members had travelled to New York by car earlier in the day - a group of excited, highspirited teenagers aged be-tween 14 and 18, "clever kids, happy kids, great people to

Tragic mix of luck and despair

Chandler, the school's principal.
"In 26 years, I haven't seen a crew of kids like they were."

is to stay here, stay available. These disasters happen, and they're like water off a duck's A comple of hours before back - until you get one close to home. You don't just look at

them as students, they were my

plosion of Flight 800, which evoked disbelief, shock and

horrific memories. Less than a

year ago, a terrorist bomb ex-

where the flight had been due

Friends and relatives of pas-

sengers believed to have been

rived at the airport from early

Clearly, most had heard about the disaster before they

set out and they made themselves known to airport staff on

stickers identifying them only as

to arrive at 8.15am.

Paris awoke to news of the ex-

dawn yesterday, a second, very different contingent left Mon-toursville for New York. Hardly had word come of what had happened when dozens of parents, relatives and fellow stu-dents gathered at the school buildings, disbelieving yet fear-ing the worst. "We managed to get a couple of buses and at 4.15 we left to take the parents to JFK, with friends and church ministers," Mr Chandler said.

Yesterday a pall of shock and grief hung over the town, a few miles down the Susquehanna River from Williamsport, where that homely annual rite of Americana, baseball's Little League World Series, takes place every August. Summer school was closed,

and a prayer vigil was to be held in the high school library last

"This is a place where every-one knows everyone," Mr Chandler said. "I just don't arrival. They were given red know what to say. All we can do

people "waiting" to meet pas-sengers, and directed to Gate 12, where the flight had been

due to arrive.

From there they were spirited to three rooms set aside on the upper floor of the terminal. where a team of more than 100 doctors, nurses and counsellors awaited them.

But one elderly woman, who had come to meet her son, learnt that something was wrong only when she saw the word "Cancelled" against TWA Flight 800 on the giant black arrivals board. On inquiring at the

TWA desk, she was ushered away by airline staff.

Perhaps the luckiest of all was Domenico Consales, a 66-year-old Calabrian who recently retired from a Pennsylvania job ploded on the Metro at the height of the tourist season.
The centre of activity yesterday, though, was Charles de Gaulle, the French capital's with Westinghouse. He had booked on a can

main international airport, celled New York-Rome flight and was among those trans-ferred to Flight 800. His luggage was even ticketed for the doomed flight via Paris, but he had turned up at JFK in time for the earlier direct flight to on the flight from New York armorning, some with eyes red from crying, others solemn or blank-faced.

"After abont five hours in the air I asked the hostess what time we would be arriving in Paris. It was only at that point that I was aware that I had been put on another plane," he said. "Obviously, my hour had not yet



Being there: An unidentified friend or relative of one of the victims is consoled at JFK Photograph: Rosano Esposito

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Disaster stirs memories of Lockerbie

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JOJO MOYES

The explosion of the TWA Boeing 747 flight and the deaths of all 229 passengers on board act as an uncomfortable reminder for the relatives of the Lockerbie air crash.

It was on 21 December 1988 that the Pan Am Flight 103
"Maid of the Seas" left
Heathrow to fly to New York
and Detroit. Not long after
take-off it blew up over the Scottish village of Lockerbie, killing
all 259 people on board. Eleven
more died in the village, on
which large portions of weekall 259 people on board. Eleven more died in the village, on which large portions of wreckage fell in a trail 30 miles long with legal advice.

and covering 845 square miles.
The official report into the Lockerbie disaster said an improvised bomh in the forward plane within two or three as there were victims.

seconds. The community of Lockerbie yesterday sent its sympathy to relatives who lost their families and friends in the American air crash Lockerbie community leaders said that they had been sickened and saddened by the news of the disaster. In a statement, the conven-

er of Dumfries and Galloway Council, Allan Baldwick, said: 'Anyone hearing the news of the recent air crash off Long Island can only feel deeply for the relatives and friends of those "We in Dumfries and Galoway, who shared the grief of

families around the world at the time of the Lockerbie air disaster, have, perhaps a special reason for expressing our sympathy."
The chairman of the Locker-

bie UK families group, Dr Jim Swire, said they had set up a phone line for relatives of the victims of this latest crash.

Dr Swire, who lost his daughter on Pan Am Flight 103, said the bereaved families would need help and counselling. "We can offer the hand

other families could also helps The Lockerbic bombing is

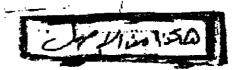
the higgest unsolved murder in British criminal history. The investigation into the di cargo hold had destroyed the has spawned as many theories

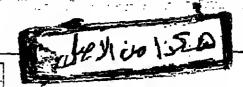
Some say that Palestinian. Syrian and Libyan terrorists were responsible, while others believe that it was a secretservice plot.

The targets of the attack have been variously described as US intelligence officers returning from a Beirut hostagesrescue mission, a South African government delegation travelling to Washington, the American ambassador to Lebanon and drug smugglers. More than seven years after the explosion took place, no convincing ex-planation has been produced.

But the lessons learned by US crash investigators as a result of the Lockerbie disaster, including advances in forensic science and in knowledge of ways to structure an investigation, are likely to help speed the inquiry into the fate of the TWA jet.

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Questions about 25-year-old jet

Transport Correspondent

Airlines and aircraft manufacturers will privately be hoping that a bomb caused vesterday's disaster, since any other possi-bility raises fundamental issues

While the presence of a bomb will lead to the usual questions about airport security and lead to yet more demands for tightening it, a mechanical failure in the 25-year-old aircraft will lead to much more searching enquiries about the safety of both old aircraft in general and the 747 specifically. It will also reduce confidence among passeogers about the safety of slying, which terrifies airline executives since the whole industry is based on getting people into what one called "flying molotov cocktails"

Investigators will focus on whether there is any similarity between this crash and four incidents in the early 1990s involving engines dropping off early 747s similar to the one that crashed yesterday.

While a bomh is one plausible explanation, the crash occurred during take-off, one of the most dangerous times during a flight. Despite the immesome powerful counter-arguments against the bomb theory. First, what was the terrorist thinking behind the placing of the bomb on this particular aircraft? Security at Kennedy is, despite the airport's chaotic Third World feel, very tight and the US is generally in a heightened state of alert because of the Olympic Games at Atlanta.

While Athens, from where the plane flew before starting its ill-fated flight towards Paris, has had a poor reputation for security in the past, airline insiders said it had recently im-proved with the help of US expertise. Moreover, as Kieron Daly of Flight International magazine explained, putting a bomb on the plane at Athens with a timer set for much later when it es is that increasing numbers are would be in the US would be re-lying on a lot of luck: "The terrorist would be setting the timer for 14 hours or so in advance, remain unexplained.

making it quite likely it would go off in the wrong place. Why would they do that, rather than just blow up the plane on its first leg?" Timers are particularly dif-

If there was a mechanical fail-

early version Bocing 747s to be lost in an accident (out of 724 manufactured), most previous incidents involved terrorism or non-mechanical failures such as the collision between two 747s on Tenerife in 1975, when 583 people died in the world's worst air disaster.

However, there was a worrying series of crashes involving diate call of the FBL there are holding the engines onto the ensure that the wing did not when 43 people were killed. old planes at an estimated cost of \$1hn. The cause of the El Al crash was the failure of the fuse pins, causing both engines on design is an attempt to ensure that this does not happen again. Boeing was last night trying to ascertain whether the new mountings had been fitted to the

ficult to get past security.

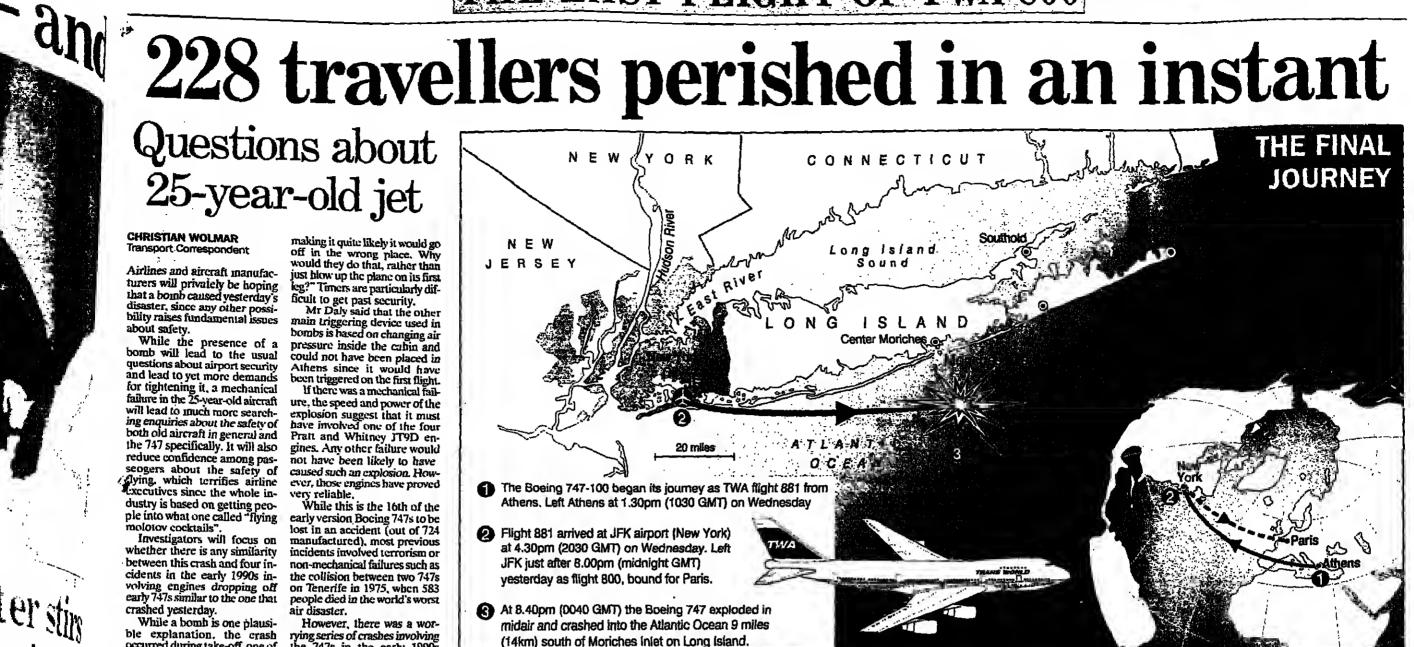
Mr Daly said that the other

main triggering device used in bombs is based on changing air pressure inside the cubin and could not have been placed in Athens since it would have been triggered on the first flight.

ure, the speed and power of the explosion suggest that it must have involved one of the four Pratt and Whitney JT9D engines. Any other failure would not have been likely to have caused such an explosion. However, those engines have proved ery reliable. While this is the 16th of the

the 747s in the early 1990s caused by a design fault in the fuse pins, part of the structure wing. The pins were designed to snap under extreme vibration to break off in those conditions. However, after the El Al crash in Amsterdam in October 1992 Boeing was forced to redesign the engine mountings and refit one wing to fall off and the new

aircraft that crashed yesterday. One difficulty when speculating about the causes of crashunexplained or are due to complex causes. Two crashes in the US in the 1990s involving 737s



The search for the perpetrators begins

PATRICK COCKBURN

In the wake of any large explosion, American eyes turn to the Middle East - though allegations may be more muted since the Oklahoma bombing last year, Pundits were already discoursing on the Islamic threat and the motives of Hamas and Islamic Jihad in striking at Oklahoma City when it was revealed that the bombers were home grown.

Until this year TWA's flight 800 terminated in Israel - but that is a tennous link on which to base suggestions that the bombers come from the Middle East. However, supposing that the TWA flight was destroyed by a bomb, and that the bomb States has long put allegadons of "terrorism" in the Middle East at the service of the demonisation of its political enemies, such as Iran, and has shown limited interest in the real perpetrators.

Saudi Arabian and US investigators are still looking for those behind the truck bomb which killed 19 US soldiers last month in Dhahran. The truck bomb in Beirut which killed 242 US marines in 1983 and the bomb on the Pan Am flight which blew up over Lockerbie in 1988 have nev-

er been entirely explained. The Arab-Israeli struggle and the conflicts which fol-

from the Middle East, the cul-prit would be a long way from being identified. The United which have long affected the supposed that the latter had a haystack look trivial: roughly 2 billion pieces of luggage are carried on commercial aircraft which have long affected the rest of the world. In the Eighties the battle was at its most intense during the Iran-Iraq war and during the intervention by Israel and the US in Lebanon.

In the Nineties, covert conflict has been most visible between Israel and the Palestinians. After the massacre of 29 Palestinians in a mosque in Hebron in 1994, Hamas and Islamic Jibad launched a campaign of suicide bombs which culminated in four attacks in Israel in March and April this year, killing 63 people. Bizarrely, President Bill Clin-

ton took the opportunity at a summit dedicated to combating terror at Sharm el-Sheikh in

anything to do with the suicide bombs; but the US supported the Israeli bombardment of southern Lebanon in April

which was aimed at Hizbollah. The so-called Grapes of Wrath operation in Lebanon and the election of a right-wing government in Israel under Benjamin Netanyahu have both raised the political temperature in the region in the last two months. But there is no reason why this should lead to the blowing up of a US aircraft.

The chance that any one bag being carried on an aircraft contains a bomb is one in a billion. The task of screening bag-

every year, one or two bombs are found every year.

However, devices do slip through. The technology can pick out a suspicious item in hold or hand baggage on a screen, but the sheer volume tends to overwhelm the system. In 1994, four airlines failed to detect Semtex bombs being smuggled onto aircraft at Heathrow by govemment investigators.

Small amounts of explosive can have devastating effects: the Lockerbie bomb was reckoned to be only as large as a bag of sugar, but it ripped apart the hold of Pan Am 103.

Earlier this week British sci-

ing the cargo hold with a material similar to the bulletproof body armour Kevlar, to withstand the shock waves of an explosion. Chris Peel, technical director

on the programme at the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency at Farnborough, Hampshire, said tests showed that "we have made a significant step for-ward pushing the chance of sur-vival up to 75 or 80 per cent". The lining adds about 3 tons

to a typical jumbo jet's weight and would increase running costs by £750,000 over its projected life soan. Mr Peel said be expected aviation authorities in Britain and the US soon to make it compulsory for airlines to boost protection against

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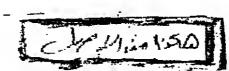
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Blueprints figure highly as artist expresses his complete body of work

MoD faces flak for missing artworks

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

Officials at the Ministry of Defence were hauled over the coals yesterday for their lackadaisical attitude towards the paintings and other works of art that adorn their Whitehall offices and military bases.

In a savage report, the Com-mons Public Accounts Committee tore into the mandarins, saying it believed that "nobody would be as careless with their own pictures as the Ministry of Defence have been with these

publicly-owned works of art". The MPs oo the Tory-domi-nated committee said they were "concerned about the failure of stewardship - the failure to apply principles that people would regard as commonsense, to their responsibilities as public servants". The criticism followed a damning study by the National Audit Office, the public spending watchdog, which found that works of art had been leaving MoD buildings by the torry-load, oo one seeming to know where they were going.

Ministry staff, the NAO said, have been able to locate just 15 of 205 valuable pictures that have been missing for a number of years from the walls of military barracks, officers' messes and office huildings.

One of the missing prints was takeo in 1991 from the ministry flat of Tom King, then Secretary of State, and has not been recovered. Of the MoD's inventory of 900 works of art, said the watchdog, 190 were missing.

According to the MoD police 23 pictures have been stolen over the years. In one case, four former Territorial officers put

the Summer, pointed in 1862 by Jasper Francis Cropsey, up for sale through Bonbams, the Loodon auctioneers. It was valued at £400,000 hut just before the auction their commanding officer stepped in and contact-

National Army Museum, An Officer of the 28th Foot (artist unknown), disappeared when the quartermaster general's offices were relocated from London to Andover in 1992, MoD police did not investigate the loss uotil 1994 and are still looking for it. In 1991, the ministry listed as missing a fine print called View of the Boardroom of the Admiralty, by Thomas Rowlandson and Augustus Charles Pugin which was actually hanging in the Admiralty hoardroom.

aroused political controversy for their sumptuous decor, have also benefited from the ministry's largess with its art collectioo. Teo prints were transferred without govern-ment consent to Hill Top House, Korbecke, in Germany, an official staff residence. Five prints have gone missing and the Government's curators are looking at interior photographs of the house to see if they were left behind oo the walls.

Officers' houses, which have

MPs said they "considered it very unsatisfactory that the department managed to lose so many works of art", and accused officers, especially some loan holders, of irresponsibility. The committee said it wanted firm action against those who "abuse the trust placed in them". It was unacceptable that the MoD had oot kept an inventory.

the artwork, Richmond Hill in

ed solicitors to block the salc. A portrait on loan from the

> London yesterday. The work, part of an Open Artists' Day, is designed to highlight ignorance and alienation in society Ian Botham yesterday rejected a suggestion that he should have accepted proposals to settle his dispute with Imran Khan "in the interests of the great

name of cricket" and to avoid a "blood battle in the courts". Botham and his England col-league Allan Lamb are suing Imran over an "offensive personal attack" on them in India Today magazine which called

them racist, uneducated and fourth day in the High Court aclacking in class and upbringing. tion, Botham was adamant that lacking in class and upbringing. Botham alone is suing over a May 1994 story in the Sun, which, he says, accused him of ball tampering - something he says he has never done.

Imran, who denies libel, says that his words were taken out of context and that he was only trying to defend himself. On the witness stand for the oothing communicated to him by the former Pakistan captain

amounted to an apology.

Imran's QC, George Carman, asked Botham to compare a "polite, decent, gentle, kind letter" sent to him by Imran, dis-sociating himself from any neg-ative commeots about the Eoglishman which had ap-

peared in his biography, and an "intemperate if not vicious" article written by Botham about

Botham did oot accept that the opeo letter from Imran, which was intended for publication in the Times two months after the Sun article appeared and as he prepared to issue a writ, was an apology.

terests of avoiding some kind of blood battle in these courts ... did you not think that that was Imran said in the letter that a fair and reasonable proposal

which you might accept?" Botham replied: "No sir, I did he had never called Botham or Lamb racist, or cheats, but regarded them as true sportsmen. Mr Carman continued: "Did He went on to call for the laws

on ball tampering to be clarified.

"In the interests of the great

name of cricket and in the in-

Mr Carman asked Botham:

ten in a spirit of good faith?" "No sir, I do not," said Botham. "I think it's another smokescreen. I do not think that is an apology, which is all I asked

you not think the letter was writ-

The case cootinues today.



Botham hits 'inadequate' Imran apology for six

Roll with It: Australian artist Tim Maslen, covered head-to-toe in 'Yves Kline' blue paint, uses his body to print himself on canvas outside the Whitechapet Gattery to



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Police knew him for years as a violent paedophile, yet no one stopped him from stealing an innocent life

many years about the pae-dophilic and violent tendencies of Howard Hughes, it emerged vesterday after he was jailed for life for the savage double rape and murder of seven-year-old Sophie Hook, Hughes's record dates back to his mid-teens when he was arrested after aitempting to assault a boy in-decently and then strangle him.

Social services officials in north Wales yesterday argued that his subsequent conviction and suspended sentence for assault – a Schedule One of-fence – meant police should have entered his name on a warning register and alerted the children's agencies.

However, a north Wales police spokeswoman said lasi night that criticism from the social services staff made little sense when Howard Hughes had been known to social services from an early age. She said that the police had had a good working relationship with social for working with other agencies had been tightened up across

the country since 1981. North Wales police are understood, however, to have interpreted the definition of Schedule One narrowly, applying it only to sex offenders.

After Hughes was found guilty, the judge at Chester Crown Court yesterday called for a change in the law to pro-tect society against men like him. Recommending that Hughes should never be released, Mr Justice Curtis said that the country needed a statufory system of supervision and cuntrol. Your crimes are every parent's nightmare. No girl is. or ever will be, safe from you."

The Home Office said later that the judge's recommendation about tighter supervision for paedophiles had already been addressed in a consultant document launched last month when Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced register of sex offenders.

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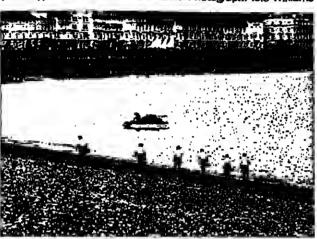
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Police in north Wales knew for Howard Hughes was yesterday jailed for up, Hughes was known as "Mad many years about the paclife for murdering Sophie Hook, report Louise Jury and Chris Blackhurst



The search for Sophie, snatched from her uncle's tent



sources over the years. Among them, the Independent has learned, was the Llwyn Onn children's home in Colwyn Bay who told police that Hughes had contacted one of their boy residents. The boy had previously been a resident at Bryn Estyn, the children's home at the centre of the Clwyd child abuse scandal, where he had been abused. Hughes himself spent preliminary plans to set up a 13 days in Bryn Estyn on the way to treatment at St An-Hughes had been the subject drew's Hospital, Northampton, of complaint from various under the Mental Health Act.

Heart of

"Social work staff were very worried about Hughes, who was hanging around the home," a senior social services source said yesterday. "They went to the police, who could have ar-rested him." Police did issue a warning, through their child protectiun team, last year, shortly before Sophie was killed in Llandudno in August.

The social workers argue that the police should have maintained a vigil instead. In the close-knit community of Colwyn Bay where he grew

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and Gerald, a successful and well-respected businessman, he had been difficult from an early age and shown signs of emotional insecurity. A chromoso-mal abnormality had left him exceptionally tall, at 6ft Sins. Shortly after his 10th birthday he had been sent to a special school for children with bebavioural problems in Derbyshire. His parents paid for private tuition, but he was nev-er to gain any qualifications.

Hughes' peers spoke of his vi-olent tendencies even as a youth. "He was always in fights with people much older than him," one said. "He was always killing things, like small animals. Everyone knew his reputation you didn't mess with him."

He was obsessed with chil-dren. In the mid-Eighties he approached a girl, thought to he 11 or 12, in some woods for sex. In 1993, a 15-year-old alleged she was assaulted by him with intent to rape, and an 11-year-old claimed he spied on her. Last year, two witnesses spoke of indecent suggestions being made to them, and a 15-year-old girl was threatened with rape.

Detective Superintendent Eric Jones confirmed Hughes had been closely watched since 1981, but added: "I have had a look at the papers we have in relation to Howard Hughes and 1 am quite happy in my own mind that everything that could have heen done at various stages was done."

Malcolm King, policy and resources chairman at Wrexham Borough Council and former chair of Clywd Social Services, said: "It appears that this person was known to all the agencies in Colwyn Bay for many years and it must give everybody the greatest cause for concern that he had been on the loose for so long. If we dealt with the issue of Schedule One offenders differently, maybe this would not have happened."

Mr King also sits on the North Wales Police Authority, and plans to raise the Hughes





Guilty face: Howard Hughes arriving at Chester Crown Court, and his victim Sophie Hook Photograph: Andrew Price

Murderer with sick mind who lived out his fantasies

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Howard Hughes outlined his fantasy of raping and murdering a little girl 18 months before seven-year-old Sophie Hook was left for dead on a Welsh

In a confession to Michael Guidi, himself a convicted sex offender. Hughes spoke of his desire to have sex with a girl and

"He said he would strangle her or cut her throat." Mr Gui- scared. di told Chester Crown court, in a horrifying prediction of what was to come, "He said this over a period of time and on

more than one occasion," said Mr Guidi, who was Hughes's friend since the age of 13, and his former lodger in Colwyn Bay, North Wales, This was not the only warn-

ing sign. It took the jury more than an hour to view Hughes's extensive collection of porno-graphic pictures of naked or scantily-clad children. During a search of the home he shared with his mother in Yerburgh Avenue, police also found a collection of children's underwear m a stone wall in the garden. Hughes was an unnerving

presence, roaming the district on his mountain bike or with his Rottweiler, Bryn, at his side. Yet nothing could have prepared the small North Wales community for the day when he decided to turn his fantasy to reality.

On the summer's day on which Sophie was to die,

to go with him. She ran away.

Sophie Hook was less fortunate. As she and her sister Jemma excitedly splashed naked in a paddling pool, the family was not to know that Hughes was al-

ready lurking nearby.
The Hooks had travelled from their home in Budworth. near Winsford, Cheshire, to visit Mrs Hook's sister, Fiona Jones, and her husband Danny. in Llandudno for cousin Luke Jones's ninth birthday.

As the celebrations drew to a close, the children were so enthusiastic about continuing the fun that the families agreed to allow them to camp out in a tent in the garden. There seemed no reason to worry.

But it was from the tent that Sophie was abducted. Stripped of her nightdress, she was raped, beaten about the head and strangled. One arm was broken, probably in an act of deliberate violence. She was dumped in the sea, apparently

in an attempt to hide evidence. Police arrested Hughes with-

Only when his father visited him at the police station did he break down and confess: "Dad, 1 did it ... You don't know what it is like to be sexually frustrat-

ed; you don't know what it is.' Hughes went on, his father said, to tell unprompted the story of what happened. He was to deny it all in court. "I didn't do it," he shouted, even as he was led away to start his sentence.

The Houk family were left baffled and numbed. Jemma Hook, two years older than her sister, said that she wanted to join Sophie in heaven. The girls' parents said they could not understand how anyone could be so evil.

Today Julie Hook, 35, and her husband Christopher, 58, an adverusing executive, are expected to speak publicly about their traumatic 12 months

They have shown dignity and courage throughout, according to the policewoman who has supported them, Detective Chief Inspector Lorraine Johnson. "This is not the end for them, she said vesterday. "They will carry this cross for the

Hughes had first approached a in hours. He maintained his inseven-year-old girl doing handnocence, despite having been HAVE A HEART - SEND A PICTURE stands in the park and asked her spotted carrying a sack with a rest of their lives." Hidden danger of the pet lizard in the living room The Heart of Britain Book, on sale in October 1996, will feature the 300 best Dixons photographs sent in by people like you. Just take your pictures and send the

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The baby's parents allowed their pet Monitor lizard to roam the house, and the child is thought to have been infected through contact with its

A bacterium belonging to a salmonella species, which is common in reptiles but rare in humans, was responsible for the haby's illness. Her older sister was infected with another type of salmonella bacterium, which is also found in reptiles.

In a letter in tomorrow's issue of the Lancet, Dr Guy Makin and colleagues from Sbeffield Children's Hospital and the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, describe how the baby was admitted to hospital with fever and sickness. Her condition deteriorated and tests confirmed meningitis. Antibiotic Makin and colleagues appealed



Big lizards: Monitors can grow to several feet long

treatment was started and the baby was well enough to go home 18 days later.

A report in the same journal in May detailed the case of a young man infected with salmonella by his pet lizards and who lost his job in a food-pro-

cessing factory.
The risk of salmonella infections from reptiles is welt known in the United States, where in the 1970s a federal ban was imposed on the sale of

Writing in the Lancet Dr

of the health risk posed to their children. "We suggest that health warnings, specifically relating to the unsuitability of these animals as pers in families with young children, become mandatory in the UK."
Dr Makin said it was well

known for salmonella infection to give rise to meningitia "I've not personally encoun-tered a case like this before, but looking at the literature it is obviously widely recognised in the States where there is a much larger population of in-digenous lizards," he said.

There is a particular problem in relation to turtles and rattlesnakes - snakes are eaten by some ethnic groups and this is one way you can be infected. People who have young children should be aware that this is a real risk. I think it would be reasonable to say they shouldn't keep lizards as pets if they have young children.

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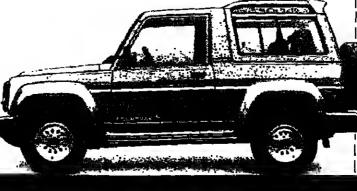
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Proms play new tune with gospel choir

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A Henry Wood Promenade Concert is to be devoted to gospel music for the first time.

The appearance of the London Adventist Chorale at the Royal Albert Hall next month shows a determination by the BBC, which runs the Proms, to attract a new audience to the most traditional event on the classical music calendar.

The 28-strong amateur choir is to be augmented to 40 for its higgest performance date yet. Ken Burton, the Choralc's musical director, said they were looking forward to the appear-

ance nn 4 August with a "mixture of excitement and fear". But they were thrilled to have been asked to take part. Mr Burton, 26, said: "I'm very very happy that we've been given the privilege of performing in the largest music festival in

But they were surprised at the invitation. Echning a typical public perception. Mr Burton said: "The Proms are normally classical, though I saw a poster at the Tube station the other day for South American music so I know they're trying to expand nn the global music.

The concert will consist mainly of spirituals, including popular numbers like Nobody Knows the Troubles I've Seen, because spirituals are the "roots of gospel", Mr Burton said.

They're really the earliest form of gaspel music. Performing spirituals unaccompanied is our staple dict - we're just doing the things that we're

used to doing."
The choir draws singers from across London, all from Adventist churches, where singing is an integral part of worship. the world and that gospel mu-sic is getting this exposure. As

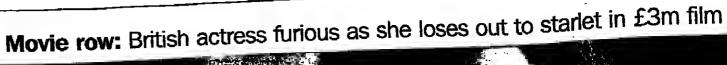
people see more of it. I'm sure it will be taken more seriously." is a powerful tonl in getting the message across to people. It has message across to people. It has the greatest importance in our services - it's as important as

All the members of the choir are black. "But we don't have a policy of exclusion. We did have a Spanish girl, but she's gnne back in Spain now," he

Mr Burton is a professinnal musician whn studied piano and singing at Goldsmith's College, London. He runs gospel music workshops and master-classes in the UK. Holland and Ireland, as well as teaching and

Last year the Chorale were the winners in Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition.

They are approaching the big occasion in their usual fashion. "We always encourage people when they sing to think on the words and the experience rather than just open the mouth and





Rejected: "If you try to translate the dialect to America the play will not work," Jane Horrocks says

Not so fabulous as Hollywood steals show from Lancashire

DAVID LISTER

The British actress Jane Horrocks, best known fnr ber television role as Buhbles in Absolutely Fabulous, has heen beaten to a starring rule in a £3m movie by a Hullywood

The role, that nf a Lan-cashire girl who has a gift of mimicry and can imitate stars from Judy Garland and Marilyn Miniroe to Cilla Black, is one that Horrocks made her own on the British stage.

She had been asked to star in the film version of her West End hit the Rise and Fall of Little Voice and yesterday she Photograph: All Action

which means that an all-American cast will play a work-ing-class Lancashire family. The role will now gn in Gwyneth Paltrow, the girl-frieod of Brad Pitt, the Hollywood actor who will also

be in the film. "It is so farcical you can only laugh about it," Horrocks said of the decision. "If you get angry about it you would just grind yourself down.

"It is so ludicrous. It is like doing Ah Fah [io which she plays Buhhles the dim sec-retary] in America. They have got in have it hecause

ridiculed the change of heart by the film company Miramax the film company Miramax appreciate something for what it is. If you try to transport the Lancashire dialect to America the play would not work." She added: "I don't want

them to destroy the play by not understanding what it is

Pitt is tipped to play the male lead role and Meryl Streep the part of the mother, which was played in Britain by Alison

Horrocks starred in the play for eight months in London and was critically acclaimed for her ability to mimic the voices of Hollywood stars of the past.

Jigsaw pieces that make up a musical miracle

What will it be like on stage at the Albert Hall? I crept into the role of Proms performer only once myself, in the noo-musical hut nevertheless vital rule inf planist's page-turner (a part which, howeever, has the poteotial to cause chaos if not per-

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formed properly).
In retrospect, the occasion has a certain poetic appropriateness; in his first Prom season as controller. Robert Ponsooby asked his predecessor, Sir William Glock, to play a Mozart piano quartet with members of the Lindsay Quartet, and I turned the pages for Sir

As only the fifth persoo on the Albert Hall stage in froot of a packed house of thousands, which was to be treated to Boulez in Mahler's Second after the interval, ooe felt the full e of the incredible concentratioo of that andience, an audience surely unequalled in the world for its responsiveness and opeo-mindedness.

That Proms' audience is the first hage benefit for any new director. There is also 100 years of history and a reputation for novelty and adventure. There is an instantly recognisable brandname, and the commitment of the BBC as patron and pro-moter, willing and able to risk oew works, providing adequate rehearsal and preparation.





Nicholas Kenyon, Controller of BBC Radio 3, tonight director of the BBC PIO and considers the challenges

The Proms' planner starts with these vast advantages, and I had the daunting delight nf starting with a blank sheet. In spite of what Bayan Northcott wrote in his very perceptive pre-view nn Wednesday, I and my team did plan every single nne of this year's concerts ourselves. We had some marvellous strokes of luck: the Berlin Phil-

harmonic, not best pleased with Salzhurg at the minment, preferring to come back to the Proms - where they received such an extraordinary reception twn years agn, the Chicagn Symphony on tour, hut prepared to mount a special performance of the Beethoven Choral Symphony for us.
I like thematic planning. But

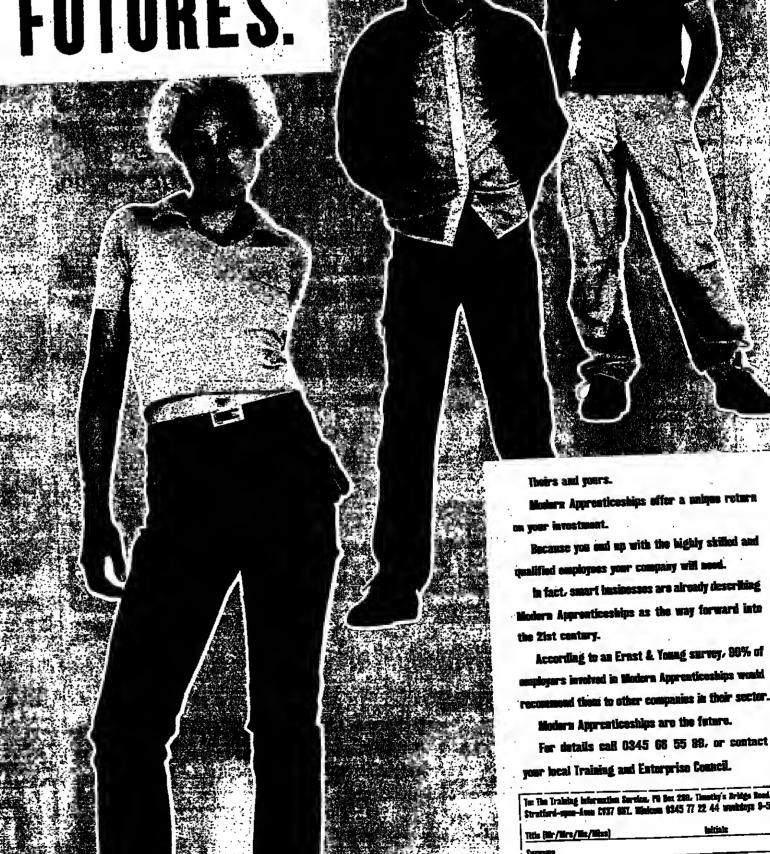
I think it's difficult for alleocompassing themes to work at the Proms; besides, there's so much to fit in to what is actually less thao 200 hours of concert-giving and broadcasting. So I went for an interlocking jigsaw puzzle of themes: creation, starting with Haydn tonight hut also taking in Milhaud, Rameau and Rebel, and recreation, highlighting composers' reworkings of other composers' music from Elgar and Stokowski orchestrating Bach, to Schoenberg providing a technicolour dreamcoat for Brahms, and Vaughan Williams making use

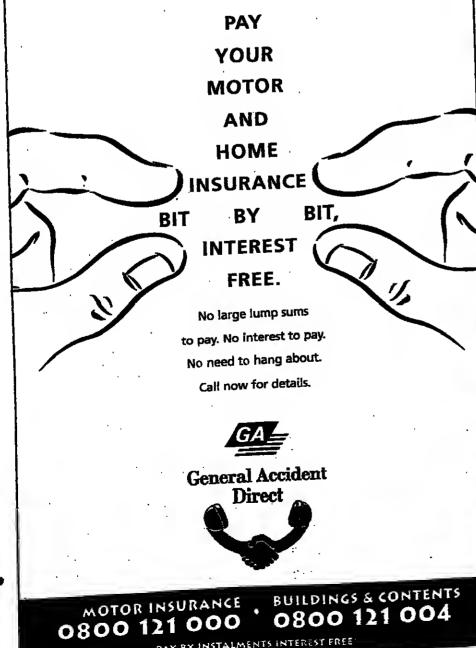
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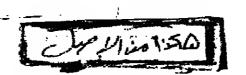
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The quantity of material was so great - 20,000 pages - that it had to be published on CD-ROM; two discs and a booklet priced at £176.25p. But the discs gave access to "secret", "confideotial" and other Whitehall papers which underlined Sir Richard's judgements - that while Margaret Thatcher, John Major, and William Waldegrave were honourable people, they had cooducted a policy that allowed arms-related equipment to go to a regime that had, among other things, used chemical warfare

against its own Kurdish minority. In addition, because of the political outcry that would have followed an opeo announce-meot of the change, it was oot only kept secret but many MPs, and Parliament as a whole. were misled. All were told that

there had been no change. Yesterday, while Mr Walde-

JOHN RENTOUL

Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party is

poised to mimic Labour's central control over the choos-

ing of parliamentary candidates

in the next partiament, accord-

ing to Central Office sources.

Brian Mawhinney, party chairman, is believed to be un-

happy at the shortage of women

candidates chosen in winnahle

some mavericks by local Tory

associations, which guard their

autonomy jealously.

Dr Mawhinney is expected to

ask representatives of local Tories to re-examine the rules

plans to Cabinet for the com ng year's spending restraint on which tax cuts and Tory hopes for the next election rest. reams of material were being prepared that would uoderline Sir Richard's verdict oo him.

The heart of the matter was the decision on December 1988, taken by Mr Waldegrave, then a Foreign Office minister, and two middle-rank ministerial colleagues - Alan Clark and Lord Trefgarne - to relax guidelines un-der which defence-related equipment could be sent to Iraq.

Although Sir Richard uncovered mioutes, files and other evidence showing that the export guidelines had been changed, Mr Waldegrave and others insisted they had not. That prompted Sir Richard to condemn "the duplicitous nature of the flexibility claimed for the guidelines".

He also said those who argued the change could not have takeo place because Baroness Thatcher had not endorsed it were guilty of "sophistry".

But the files also get tantalisingly close to Mr Major, who was Foreign Secretary in July 1989 when the Cabinet Defence and Overseas Policy Committee was grave, now Chief Secretary to sent a minute oo the sale of

Tory party to

control choice

of candidates

Hawk aircraft to Iraq. That minute, published in full for the first time yesterday, said that while the export guidelines stipulated that nothing lethal should be sold either to Iran or Iraq, Ministers have agreed to interpret them in a more flexible

Mr Major subsequently wrote letters, as Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister, insisting that the policy remained impartial, and he told Sir Richard that he continued to

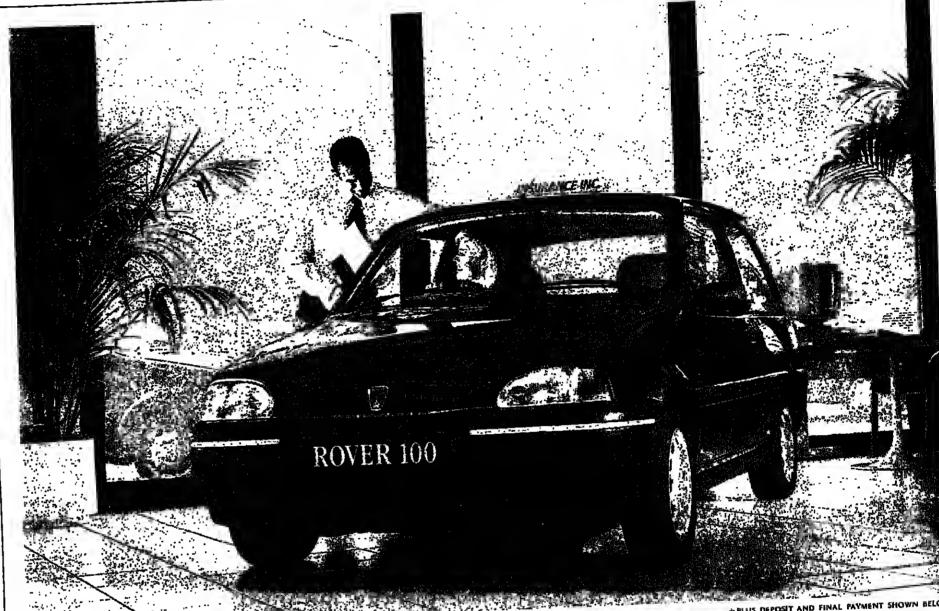
stand by that judgement.

Sir Richard replied: "I do not doubt Mr Major's evidence that he signed the letters believing the statements they contained to be accurate, but t do not accept that they were in fact accurate."

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When pupits from Sunny Bank Junior School, Potters Bar, investigated a stretch of Hertfordshire yesterday, even James Clappison, the Environ minister, dropped in for a visit. The 8- and 9-year-olds are among 50,000 pupils taking part in the Land Use - UK survey



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for choosing candidates after Tory strategists regarded with envy Labour's ruthless cootrol of candidate selection, as demonstrated by the way Liz the election. So far only four women have been selected in safe Tory seats. against more than 50 men. Central Office has also been Davies, a member of the ediconcerned about the number of torial board of the hard-left Labour Briefing, was forced to stand down as candidate for "professional politicians" being Leeds North-east. Dr Mawhinney has discussed But Dr Mawhinney is strong-

ministerial advisers and other with Robin Hodgson, chair-man of the National Union of

Conservative Associations, tightening up the procedure for admitting hopefuls to the list of approved potential candidates. Senior Central Office offi-

cials were unhappy with some people on the list, including John Kennedy, the candidate for the oew Tory seat of

Halesoweo and Rowley Regis. Mr Kennedy, formerly John Gvozdenovic, has been an apologist for the Bosnian Serb cause and introduced Yugoslav-born Zoran Tancic to the former party chairman Jeremy Hanley. Mr Tancic's contributions to Tory funds have been the subject of an investigation by Dr Mawhinney.

A further option for change be to stop local associations choosing one of their seats and at the selection of members if he or she is oot oo the approved list. This would effectively give

Central Office the same degree of control as does the Labour procedure, which requires endorsement by the party's National Executive.

ly resisting plans put forward by the National Union for local associations to have a greater say in the election of the party leader. At present, only Tory MPs have a vote in leadership elections. The National Union is trying to respond to growing pressure from the grassroots for

DAILY POEM

You Will Know When You Get There

Nobody comes up from the sea as late as this in the day and the season, and nobody else goes down

the last steep kilometre, wet-metalled where a shower passed shredding the light which keeps

pouring out of its tank in the sky, through summits, trees, vapours thickening and thinning. Too

credibly by half celestial, the dammed reservoir up there keeps emptying while the light lasts

over the sea, where it "gathers the gold against it". The light is bits of crushed rock randomly

glinting underfoot, wetted by the short shower, and down you go and so in its way does

the sun which gets there first. Boys, two of them, turn campfirelit faces, a hesitancy to speak is a hesitancy of the earth rolling back and away behind this man going down to the sea with a bag

to pick mussels, having an arrangement with the tide,

the ocean to be shallowed three point seven metres, one hour's light to be left and there's the excrescent moon sponging off the last of it. A door

slams, a heavy wave, a door, the sea-floor shudders. Down you go alone, so late, into the surge-black fissure.

Allen Curnow, born 1911 at Timaru, is New Zealand's most important poet and a key figure in the emergence of New Zealand literature in the second half of the 20th century. He spent part of his life as a journalist and a vernacular directness is evident in much of his poetry. Penguin published his Selected Poems 1940-1988 in 1990 and last month he joined Donald Davie and Samuel Menashe in Penguin Modern Poets 7.

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Donor row: Divisions in Pyongyang jeopardise help for flood victims

Suspicious N Koreans block UN food aid

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Ten months after devastating floods forced h to make an unprecedented appeal for international aid, the secretive government of North Korea is behaving with characteristic amhivalence towards the outside world.

In Tokyo this week, a delegation led by one of the country's leading economic reformers embarked on what five years ago would have been inconceivable: an international tour aimed at attracting foreign investment to one of the most closed and xenophobic countries in the world. At the same time, United Nations officials are facing hureaucratic obstacles in supervising the distribution of aid to flood-stricken areas.

Particularly frustrated is the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) which established an office last November in the capital, Pyongyang. In May, Trevor Page, the WFP's country director for North Korea, left Pyongyang after upsetting hardline elements in the military with his outspoken statements about the seriousness of the food shortage. Last month his successor was evacuated to Hong Kong with a stomach complaint: his stand-in was forced to leave the country after the North Korean authorities refused to renew his visa.

in North Korea and constantly has to reconcile the defensiveness of the Pyongvang govern-ment with the suspicions of the outside world. It is responsible for much of the \$43.6m (£28.5m) in aid being sought from international donors, and

it also supervises the shipment and distribution of food aid. The UN Development Programme will shortly announce a fresh appeal for \$37m of rehabilitation and reconstruction aid, \$1m of which has already been secured from UN central funds.

But international donors, particularly South Korea, have often expressed the suspicion that Pyongyang may divert humanitarian aid to its millionstrong army, or sell it in exchange for hard currency. UN officials insist this is not happening but say that Pyongyang's obstructiveness is jeopardising the flow of aid.

The donor countries trust the UN system and we are the guarantor that aid is getting to the people it's intended to help," said Faruq Achikzad, the UN's resident co-ordinator in Pyongyang. "We have told the government that if they don't allow the monitoring then

everything else collapses."
The problem appears to reflect internal divisions between the military and more practical reform-minded elements in the foreign and economic ministries. In February, aid agencies were told to cancel a planned

appeal because of resistance

within the military, which

objected to the way the country

was being portrayed as a victim. The latest trouble centred on an Indian official, VK Jain, who took over the WFP operation after the acting head became ill. The WFP plays a crucial role Mr Jain was forced to leave the country after he was refused the necessary visa, "We got no ex-planation, and they didn't even reply to my letters," said Mr Achikzad. "It might have been his nationality, it might have been that he just asked too

many questions."



A word in your ear: Alexel Krasyuk, 10, one of many children to suffer as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, is greated by a lama at the Marine World/Africa park in Vallejo, California. He was one of 50 victims of the disaster taken to the US by the Chernobyl Children's Project Photograph: AP

Cannes mayor on casino bribery charges

MARY DEJEVSKY

The mayor of the French riviera resort of Cannes, Michel Mouillot, was in prison last night on corruption charges after a sting operation in which an alleged intermediary was caught receiving a large sum of money in a hotel in central London.

The operation, in which French police, French intelligence and Scotland Yard were said to have co-operated, could finally end the political career of Mr Mouillot, who is appealing against his conviction on an earlier corruption charge.

The latest case reportedly tion was said to have been a request from the mayor's office,

involves an application for a fruit machine licence submitted by a British-owned company, London Clubs, for its Carlton Club casino in Cannes.

According to the newspaper Le Monde yesterday, London Clubs had established that its returns were falling badly hehind those of two other casinos in Cannes and decided that it was time to copy those more profitable operations and have fruit machines installed. For this, however, it required a licence from the city authorities.

The response to the applica-

at a tête-à-tête meeting, for a 3m franc (£390,000) kickback "towards election expenses". At this point, London Clubs decided oot to play the game by local rules and contacted the police. From that point on, French intelligence became involved, and an undercover operation was set in train to trap

the culprits. London Clubs agreed to negotiate payment of half the sollcited kickhack upfront before 28 June when its licence application came before the city council, and the other half when the licence was approved and the machines installed. The first part of the trans-

action was agreed by telephone and supposed to take place at 9am on 28 June at the Ritz hotel in London. The representative of London Clubs was told to look out for a woman named as "Madame Clement", who would be immediately recog-

nisable by being very tall.

The day before, however, the meeting was called off. Mr Moullot's office reportedly said that "cousin" was "ill". None the less, the licence was approved next day.

A fortnight later, a new rendezvous was fixed - for 17 July at 9.30, this time with a man. He was apprehended by police in the act of receiving the

a suitcase containing Fflm in cash, and named as Daniel Teruel, a Frenchman aged 46. However, a couple from Cannes who were staying in London, and to whom he was supposed to have handed over the money, had vanished. Within hours of the arrest in

London, the head of Mr Mouillot's private office and his office manager were arrested in Cannes, but Mr Mouillot - said to be at his country villa - was

nowhere to be found. He was finally arrested on his return late in the evening, and remanded in custody. French police are seeking the extradi-tion of Mr Teruel.

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UN arms " team at halt after Iraq bar

LEON BARKHO Reuter

Baghdad - A team of United Nations arms experts has suspended its inspection programme after being barred by Iraq from entering a "sensitive site", a senior UN inspector said yesterday.

Nikita Smidovich, the chief inspector, said: "We are waiting here. We have suspended our operations."

Mr Smidovich said that since his arrival earlier this week at the head of 34 international arms experts, he had been allowed into one site Iraq deemed crucial to its national security. "The other site we were not even allowed to approach," the veteran Russian inspector

Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN Special Commission scrapping Iraq's banned weapons under the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire, informed the Security Council on Wednesday of the problems facing Smidovich's latest task.

The Security Council has asked Baghdad to give Mr Smidovich unimpeded access to any site he wishes to inspect. On a visit to Baghdad last month Mr Ekeus and the Iragi Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, signed an agreement in which Iraq pledged to grant UN inspectors immediate access provided they fully respected

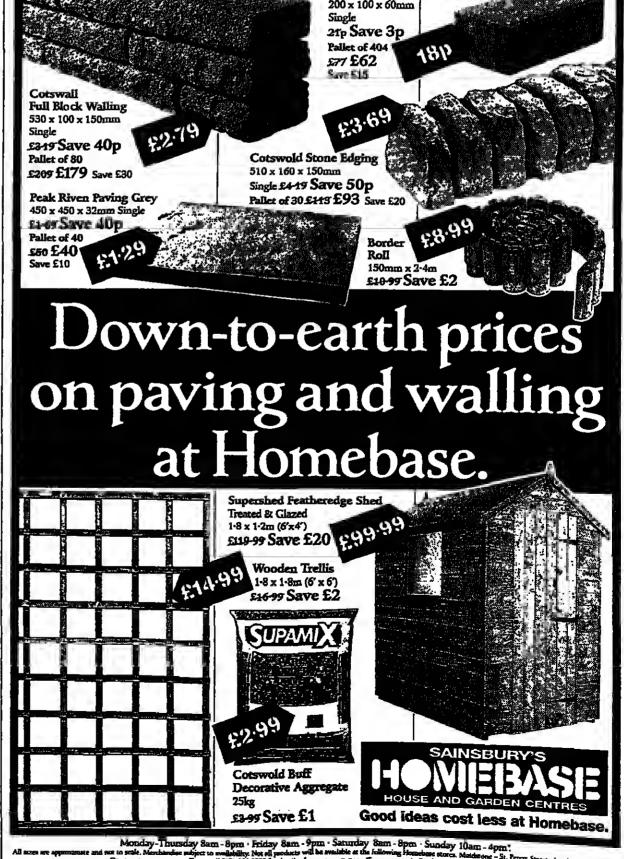
Iraq's concerns over sovereignty when visiting "sensitive sites", Iraq's ambassador to the UN, Nizar Hamdoon, said on Wednesday that the latest confrontation was exceptional and did not signal a hreakdown of

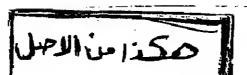
June's agreement. Mr Smidovich said he was awaiting instructions from Mr Ekeus on what to do next. His experts, he said, were back at their hase in Baghdad.

The latest row over access is the second in less than a month. The previous incident, the Iraqis barred Mr Smidovich and about 50 international arms experts from entering military sites belonging to Iraq's élite force, the Republican Guards, in and around Baghdad. Mr Smidovich would not describe the site he was prevented from entering.



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Middle East talks: Pledge to allow more West Bank workers into Israel eases new premier's meeting with Egyptian leader

Peace boost as Cairo warms to Netanyahu

PATRICK COCKBURN

In his first meeting with an Arab head of state, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, promised yesterday in Cairo to stick to agreements Israel had signed with its Arab neighbours. But he offered President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt few specific concessions and said there are "different interpretations" of the land-forpeace formula which is the basis

of Arab-Israeli agreements. In a small conciliatory gesture Mr Netanyahu said his government would ease its five-monthlong sealing off of the Palestinian areas in Gaza and the West Bank by allowing an extra 10,000 workers to enter Israel. He also said that David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, would meet Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, next week.

Although Mr Netanyahu offered little new, it was enough for Mr Mubarak to say: "I Netanyahu by the Egyptian think that after such a meeting today I have great hopes that the process will continue ... I can tell you now that I am very

a tribute to his success in systematically lowering expecta-tions among his Arab neighbours about what to expect from Israel. It also stems from Mr Mubarak's oeed to balance between the United States and the Arab world. The Egyptian leader goes to Washington at the end of the

Mr Mubarak said: "The two sides should proceed to negotiate the final status of the West Bank and Gaza the sooner the better. Together with that, negotiations must resume on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks without delay." But since Mr Netanyahu has refused any compromise on Palestinian statehood, Isracli settlements, Jerusalem or withdrawal from the Golan, such negotiations are unlikely to have much substance.

The cordial tone of the discussions in Cairo are in contrast to the insults hurled at Mi oppositioo press which, in a clumsy play on the Arabic pronunciation of his name described him as "a dirty smell"

The Israeli leader said ooth The warm welcome for Mr ing new about the withdrawal of Netanyahu's promises to con-

timue the peace process is in part Palestinian city of Hebron. though this is expected over the next month. Under the terms of an agreement signed last year Israeli troops will keep control of one-lifth of Hebron where 400-500 Jewish settlers live surrounded by 120,000 Palestinians.

There are signs on the West Bank that Israel is continuing its redeployment. Just west of Nablus, an Israeli checknount at a vital crossroads has been removed. The army brigade in charge of the Nablus area is to be disbanded, Israeli radio said yesterday. This thinning out of troops is probably because of the completion of bypass roads link-

ing Israeli settlements to Israel. In Washington and in Cairo Mr Netanyahu refused to say that he would not build more settlements. Settlers themselves - will not disappear. They exist."

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have spoken about doubling their numbers to the next four years to 300,000. In practice, Mr Netanyahu will probably be satisfied with more settlements in and around Jerusalem and close to the green line which divides the city.

Sach Erekat, a senior Pales-tinian official, said however that "another settlement here or there will not promote Israel's security. Yet such settlements create a negative impression with Palestinians, comparable to the feeling in Israel that follows from a bus explosion". Saying that the Palestine Authority had done everything it could against tions, Mr Erekat added: "Israel must understand that the Palestinians have not disuppeared, and



Paying respects: Mr Netanyahu at the tomb in Cairo of the Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, killed in 1981 Photograph: AFP

Media nail author of Clinton exposé

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

Hell hath no fury, and heaven no sanctimonious moralising, like the American media when they consider they have been lied to by one of their own. Any doubters on that score should

On Wednesday, after he had been nailed by incontrovertible handwriting evidence, the Newsweek political columnist a relationship with someone confessed he was the anonymous author of Primary Colors, the scathing roman-à-clef about the 1992 Clinton campaign, whose identity has been this publishing seasoo's most

A cause for much merriment? Not a bit of it. Instead, Mr Klein finds himself in the midst of a controversy that has seen one commentator liken his · its profound disapproval. carlier denials of authorship to the invented articles of Janet Cooke, probably the greatest blot on the reputation of US journalism in recent decades.

Ms Cooke made up the story of the child heroin addict, limmy, and woo a Pulitzer prize in 1981 until her deception was revealed. Mr Klein, by con- Lady, Bill and Hillary Clinton.

trast, has written a work of fictioo. His sin (apart from earning \$6m from the enterprise) is having denied authorship to colleagues who challenged him.

But humour is oot a prominent quality of the American press. True, Newsweck says it will keep him on. CBS oews however, for whom Mr Klein worked as a political commeotator, sounds unforgiving. "Clearly it is impossible to have who is oot telling the truth. We put him oo the air saying 'No',

an executive lamented. "He hurts the business of journalism," said Ken Auletta, the media writer of the New Yorker magazine. The Wash-ington Post, which was both victim of the Cooke hoax and solver of the Klein case, ran two loog pieces leaving oo doubt of

But if "Anonymous" is dead, Primary Colors is not. Next January director Mike Nichols will begin shooting a \$65m (£40m) film of the book, starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson as Governor and Mrs Stanton ~ aka former Arkansas Governor and First **USE THE**

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Senior Bosnian Serb and Yugoslav officials flew to Belgrade to discuss intensifying world pressure for the arrest of the Bosnian Serb leader. Radovan Karadzie, to face UN war-crimes charges. They were expected to bave talks with Serbia's President, Slobodan Milosevic, ahead of a return visit to Belgrade by the US envoy, Richard Hol-brooke, who is pressing Mr Milosevic to extradite Mr Karadzic for trial. Reuter - Pale

Vediator Julius Nyerere started closed-door talks

Vion the stalled Burundi peace process in the Tanzanian
capital. The talks are expected to chart the next move in a
Western-backed African peace plan. The plan was accepted by Burundi's Hutu president and Tutsi Prime Minister
hut is opposed by Tutsi hardliners backing the army and by
the main Hutu rebel group, the National Council for the
Defence of Democracy (CNDD). Reuter – Nairohi

Durmese democracy campaigner Aung San Suu Kyi
called in a smuggled video yesterday for international sanctions to be imposed on Burma, to force political change. "What we want are the kind of sanctions that will make it quite clear that economic change in Burma is not possible without political change," the Nobel prize winner rold in the video which was made public by manufactured. said in the video, which was made public by members of the European Parliament. Reuter – Brussels

The Chechen rebel commander Salman Raduyev,
I reported to have been killed after leading a hostage raid
and a bloody battle against Russian troops in January,
reappeared and said the separatist leader Dzhokhar
Dudayev was also alive. He told a news conference at a secret location in Chechnya that General Dudayev, supposed to have been killed in April, was in critical

China said the Dalai Lama was insincere when he said he did not want independence for his Himalayan homeland. "On the one hand he announces that he does not require or ask for the independence of Tibet, and on the other hand he advocates everywhere that Tibet is an independent state occupied by China," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Reuter – Peking

to South Africa on a visit sponsored by an unlikely coalition of big business and radical black politicians. The pop star, whose album *Thriller* was one of the higgest selling in history, is not due to give any concerts during the three-day visit but will address a news conference at Sun City, 75 miles north-west of Johannesburg, tomorrow. Reuter - Johannesburg

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Afghan farmers reap lethal crop

To take on heroin producers is to meddle with big business, writes **Robert Fisk**

Jalalahad --- You can see them in the Jalalabad bazaar, young men with withered black arms and sunken eyes, the addicts returned from the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan, still-living witnesses to the effects of heroin. "It's good for the Afghan people here to see them," a Western aid official says coldly. "Now they can see the effect of all those poppy fields they grow - and if they re as Islamic as they claim they are, maybe they'll stop producing opium." The official smiles grimly, then adds: "Or maybe

Probably not. Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar province is now responsible for 80 per cent of the country's poppy cultivation - it was producing around 1,300 tonnes of dry optum in 1995 - and heroin-processing laboratories have now been transferred from Pakistan to a frontier strip inside Afghanistan, producing hundreds of kilos of heroin a day and fortified with enough anti-aircraft guns and armoured vehicles to withstand a military offensive.

Local government officials in Jalalahad claim to have eradicated 30,000 hectares of opium and hashish fields in the past two years but their efforts brave enough given the fire-power of the drug-producers seem as hopeless as the world's attempts to find a solution to drug abuse.

Sitting in Engineer Mahmoud's Drug Control and Development Unit office in a back



Bitter harvest: Farmers can get £170 for seven kilos of opium at market.

street of Jalalabad, the problem seems simple enough. A map on the wall shows Nangarhar with a rash of red pimples along its eastern edge, a pox of opium fields and laboratories that are targets for Mr Mahmoud's armed commandos. "We have been eradicating bashish fields by force, using our weapons to force the farmers to plough up the land," he says. "We are tak-ing our own bulldozers to

plough up some of the poppy fields. We take our guns and rockets with us and the farmers can do nothing to stop our work. Now our shura [council] has called the ulema [religious authorities] to lecture the people on the evils of drug-production, quoting from the Koran to support their words. And for the first time, we have been able to destroy hashish fields without using force."

Mr Mahmoud and his 10strong staff have been heartened by the United Nations' support for his project. On the open mar-ket in Jalalabad, the farmers receive a mere £95 for 7kg of bashish, £170 for 7kg of opium

around the same price they
would receive for grain. So the UN is providing wheat seeds for those farmers who have transferred from drug production. on the grounds that they will make the same profits in the Jalalabad markets.

"We would like more belp from the United States," Mr Mahmoud says. "I went to Washington recently and the US drugs prevention authorities of Jalalabad city. And when I rising in anger. "Haji Qadir went inside, it is very luxurious and has many, many computers."

It was the grimmest their crops between wheat and drugs cach season, the opium this month.



They have all this money there - but none for us who are trying to stop the drug produc-tion." Mr Mahmoud's senior staff receive just under £70 a month and his senior assistant. Shamsul Haq, claims that the drugs unit had to huy 4,000kg of maize seed to distribute to farmers last month.

Western bumanitarian organisations acknowledge Mr Mahmoud's work but regard any bope of curbing the countook me to their new headquarters. You would not believe deepest pessimism. One of it is. It is half the size them told his story with a voice

abad and said; Look, I bave destroyed 20,000 hectares of opium fields - now you must help me because the people are waiting for your help. But it was more complicated than this. Farmers who had never grown poppies began to plant them so they could get free maize seed in return for destroying the fields they had just planted. It was calculated by one of my colleagues that the costs would come to \$1.3m (£850,000)."

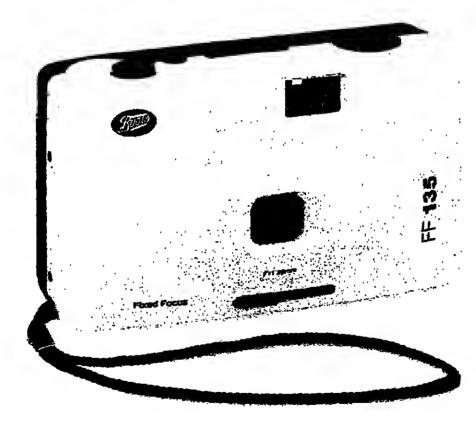
Other aid organisers believe that wheat seeds are assisting poppy production, suspecting

sold in return for increased payments and weapons which. in the words of one official, were recently travelling in boxes through the Pakistan railway sta-tion of Landi Kotal on the Peshawar steam train to the

Afghan border. "Poppy cultivation is an agre-business," he said, "The husiness dealers for the drug barons have technical advisers who are visiting Nangarhar and other provinces to advise on the crop and the product. They pay in advance. Some are Afghans, some are expatriates. they are turning opium into heroin in newly built factories that even bave face masks to protect their workers' health. Some say there is health insurance offered."

How does the world compete with capitalism on so ruthless and illegal a scale? Another European distriboting aid in eastern Afghanistan burst into laughter when I asked him the question. "Legalise drugs," he roared. "Legalise the lot. Its will be the end of the drug barons. They'll go broke and kill cach other. But of course, the world will never accept that. So we'll go on fighting a losing

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Suva (AP) — The Fijian government has hanned an essay competition organised by the British Embassy in Suva hecause it says the contest disregards sensitivities over a disregards sensitivities over a superior of the superio proposed new constitution. The essay competition for

sixth-formers had as its prize two

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review and the commission

The permanent secretary for Fiji's constitution is under information, Jioji Kotobalavu. said the government, while not

Commonwealth after two racially inspired military coups Mr Kotobalavu said the

British Emhassy and the Fiji Times should have heen sensitive enough to know that the constitution was under

"It's just proper that we allow the commission to do its work without undue pressure," he told the Fiji Times.

"We have expressed

reservations because students who are eligible are preparing for examinations and they should be allowed to prepare instead of being sidetracked by complex and complicated issues like the constitution."

Vinceta Kumar, the British Embassy's information officer, said the embassy had no com-

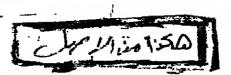


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hy on earth did Labour decide ing Londoo Underground this week, to stick its nose in? Like any Mr Blair is attempting to distance oew one else who wanted to send birthday cards, or travel through the capital yesterday, Tony Blair must have been irritated by the public sector strikes. But instead of seething in silence (as Labour leaders have done before him) Mr Blair authorised his employment spokesman David Blunkett to intervene.

On Wednesday Mr Blunkeri argued that Londoo Uoderground and the Tube drivers should take their case to arbitration. Yesterday Mr Blair's office confirmed that they thought the strike was inappropriate while arbitration beckoned. The Labour leadership hascome close to openly condemning the strike,

and to criticising the unions approach. For many in the party, this will have been mortifying. After all, the party began as the champion of the working people against the employer, not vice versa. John Prescott was reportedly livid about not being coosulted. Robin Cook's endorsement of the leadership view sounded decidedly reluctant.

On new Labour's past record we houldn't really he surprised. Tony Blair is at least as capable of sympathising with employers as with workers in an industrial dispute.

Opposing the Tube strike is good politics for Labour, too. It doesn't take loog to get from strikes to the Seventies to Labour governments to "Perhaps I'll vote Tory after all". By back-

Mr Blair is attempting to distance oew Lahour from all those scary memories, and soothe anxious voters once more.

As a gesture then, it may be understandable. But as an approach to industrial relations from a potential government it is deeply mistaken. And it is a sad departure from the measured abstentions by Labour leaders past, whenever strikes broke out.

Until this week, the Labour leadership had maintained a studious silence over the rights and wrongs of particular battles for years, often because they were too emharrassed to interveoe.

Each time Labour's argument was the same: it wasn't appropriate for politicians to take sides in management disputes. This is an unfashionable position, difficult to maiotain in practice. but it is absolutely right in principle.

The role of government in industrial relations is to set the rules, not take sides. So long as government itself is not the direct eorployer (which it isn't for either the Tube drivers or the postal workers) then it can only establish the framework in which others must negotiate. In these current disputes, both management and unions have behaved stupidly, but they must slug it out together and come to an agreement. If politicians are unhappy then they should start amending the framework, not handing out advice.

But maybe the rules do need to be

ered on time yesterday, or to take a trip from Barking to Tottenham Court Road, the alternatives to the post and the Tube were expensive. Could there be a case for preventing damaging trade union action in these kinds of sectors, as many on the right have suggested?

virtual monopolies too, so consumers

have to bear the higgest costs of the

strike. If you wanted to get a letter deliv-

No. Trade union legislation in gen-

changed. After all, these public sector eral is tight enough. The balance of power in most industrial disputes is strikes are frustrating and expensive for already heavily weighted towards the everyone. Postal communication and employer, thanks to changes in the public transport are important services, labour market and in legislation. on which the country depends. They are

Nor would it be appropriate to bring in no-strike rules for the entire public sector. The price of no-strike deals is high in terms of the wages and conditions oeeded to maintain the trust and goodwill of the workforce. All that happens is that one group after another picks up cosy inflation-proofed pay deals. The end result is a Southern

American-style corporatist state. The Labour Party appears to be flirt-

workers. It sounds fair and conciliatory enough: whenever a dispute arises, unions and management would be forced to go to arbitratioo. However, in practice compulsory arbitration could become a bureaucratic nightmare. In countries that have binding arbitration, every little quibble over working practices ends up in arbitration and straightforward deals and decisions are delayed.

But governments cannot entirely keep their hands clean in public sector disputes. For example, Post Office management would have far more freedom to manoeuvre if they didn't have to hand over so much cash to the government. The culture among both management and employees in certain public sector organisations needs to change. Old hierarchies and strict job delineations should be replaced by more flexible practices, just as they have in newly privatised companies. Structural reform rather than union legislation may be a better answer to industrial relations problems.

In the end, for all the inconvenience of the strikes this week, we should keep the disputes in proportion. London Underground and the Post Office do not have loog-term recruitment problems. But other parts of the public sector do, thanks to a public sector pay policy that prevents salaries keeping up with the private sector. For example, any government, Labour or Conserv-

ing with another option: introducing ative, will face pressure to pay teach-binding arbitration for public sector ers more if it wants to recruit the best people. Plastering over the bole in the public finances by shaving away at public sector pay is not sustainable.

When the public and politicians worry about clashes between a Labour government and stroppy trade unions they are missing the point. Union militancy is a minor problem today compared to the serious long-term employment and pay problems in the public sector that any government will face.

The sweet smell of the press

ordon's are scenting adverts to capture their gin's essence. Why stop there? Why not impregnate the stop there; why not impregnate the printed editorial pages with nose-tickling evocations of subject matter. A leader column might raise a hint of vintage Taylor's. The sports report would be enhanced by that piquant mixture of spilt lager and sweat. A Glyndebourne first night would smell of champagne and cow dung. But too much of this will worry John Gummer. He is giving Britain an admirable international reputation in the battle to control atmospheric pollution. A sudden rush of scented emissions could let the side down.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Mentally ill need funds, not asylums

Sir: It is right to he concerned about the way community care is working for people with severe mental illness ("Major in meotal health rethink", 16 July). It is right to take action now. But it is wrong to assume that a return to smallscale "asylums" will meet anything more than a small proportion of

Clearly, there are people with severe mental illoess who, for their own safety and that of the general public, need at times to be cared for in a secure environment. But the majority - with the right support -can manage their illness whilst living as members of the community.

The real re Government's community care policies aren't "working as well as they should" lies mainly in its poor co-ordination of planning and resourcing at ceotral government level, and in its determination to close loog-stay hospitals but not to guarantee the resources and the commitment to ensure that care and services are available in the community for those people who nced them.

Without addressing the fuodamental chaos at central government level over who plans and pays for health and social care, the Prime Minister's idea to create separate local mental health authorities will achieve oothing. The real need is for adequate resources and well-managed, integrated community services. To segregate mental health care once again would make good coordination of all the other services more difficult and would do nothing to ensure adequate funding for either hospital or community-based mental health

services. JUNE McKERROW Director The Mental Health Foundation

Sir: Concern welcomes the Government's volte face. Not so long ago, having closed one fifth of the psychiatric hospitals in the UK, the Government had a blueprint to close all the remainder.

Hospitals are not a problem—they are the solution. The hospital is a community, which has a range nf appropriate facilities and services to maximise chronic patients daily living skills, guard them against derision and exploitation and maintain a seamless 24-bours watch over their well-being with the opportunity for constant modification to their treatment according to fluctuations in their conditions.

Over £75m was speot in closing Friem Hospital, the finest psychiatric hospital in Europe with the best industrial therapy in the world. Since then, there has been a further expenditure of some £6m in building projects and an annual expenditure of some £6m in accommodating patients in private hospitals at up to five times the cost per patient in NHS bospitals. As far as can be seen, Mr Major's solution is to have a further reorganisation. We have seen little else during the life of this government, with no time to digest one turmoil before we are io the midst of another - and, characteristically, little, if any, money to pay even for those projects of which he approves, with annual "efficiency savings" particularly hitting the most efficient and the proportion of the incorrect.



NHS budget spent on meotal illness being constantly reduced. Dr MALCOLM WELLER. Concern London NW3

Sir: So John Major thinks "poor coordination" between health and social services is a barrier to delivering good quality mental health services. So it is. But before the Prime Minister gets bogged down in the complexities of the wholesale reorganisation that would be necessary to create new mental health authorities, perhaps he might consider putting his weight behind the call for the appointment of a mental health services ombudsman, so far

resisted by his ministers. Some additional resources to fund Stepheo Dorrell's Fehruary commitmeots would not go amiss and could make savings in the long

LYNNE JONES MP (Birmingham Selly Oak, Lab)
House of Commons London SW1

UN battles on in Bosnia

Sir. We were puzzled by Sarah Helm's report ("Refugees can never go home, says UN", 17 July) stating that the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has "given up returning all Bosnian refugees to their homes, and accepted an ethically cleansed

Bosnia". We've done no such thing. To imply that there has somehow been a behind-the-scenes policy shift is

Under the Dayton Agreement, 2 million Bosnian refugees and displaced have the right freely to choose their place of residence. Many will want to relocate to Bosnia-Herzegovina, and many will want to go to their original homes. UNHCR's job is to help them do it. But the obstacles are enormous because the same hard-liners who waged the war to create ethnically pure states in Bosnia are still calling the shots. They go to extreme lengths to obstruct our continuing efforts to facilitate returns or even temporary visits across former front lines. Shortly after the Dayton Peace

Agreement, UNHCR set a maximum planning figure of up to 870,000 returns for 1996. But we repeatedly stressed that this bestcase planning figure depended on achieving optimum conditions for return - full security and human rights, freedom of movement, economic opportunities, reconstruction, amnesties and mine removal. Obviously, those optimal conditions are not yet in place. UNHCR has publicly stated many times that we will be lucky to see even a quarter of the 2 million refugees and displaced return this year. We have not, as the article states, reduced the target to

Of the more than 80,000 people who have so far gone back, virtually none have returned to areas where they are in the minority. To be realistic, large scale minority returns are probably years away. Thus at present, we are concentrating on what is achievable now - returning people to their

homes in areas where there is heavy destruction but no security threat. This means primarily to majority areas. The report you cite identified 19 priority areas which, if funding is provided for reconstruction, could see the return of an additional 135,000 people this year - hringing the total to well over 200,000. RON REDMOND UNHCR Spokesman

Cadet Force helps to avoid crime

Sir: Your Defence Correspondent has been led by some ill-informed MoD source to exaggerate the risk the Army Cadet Force is taking in what it is doing in the margins of its work to help underprivileged young people make the best of themselves and avoid getting into mischief for want of something better to do ("Anger over cadet plan for offenders", 13 July).

Our projects to date, developed with great care, have all been hugely successful and attracted widespread support from the level of Lord Lieutenant down to local teacher. The credit for this must go to our voluntary leaders and, not least, our senior cadets, who want to be involved and, like the vast majority of youngsters we seek to help, are marvellous, caring young people. As an example, we have a 15-year-old cadet cycling 10 miles twice a week to help an adult get a project off the ground. It has absolutely nothing to do

with boot camps - and we are oot taking on those into serious crime. Nor is it Home Office inspired, although we appreciate and welcome their support. Youngsters who take advantage of our offer come entirely of their own free will. For our part we are simply trying to do our hest for more young people by offering them fun, friendship, confidence-building opportunities and the attributes and skills to enable them to become responsible, successful young people. Lt-Gen Sir DAVID SCOTT-

A new heart for

Sir: There is undoubtedly a need

Manchester in the wake of the IRA bomh (report, 16 July).

Manchester needs more than a

Manchester

and an opportunity for an

imaginative approach to

replanning the centre of

collection of new buildings

designed with sensitivity to the grain, scale and structure of its

ceotre. Rather it needs a city

sustainable and people-frieodly.
Accessibility and affordability

matter very much - it is vital that

there is room for the traders

Exchange, for example. Ultimately the key issues are

about urban design and city

My personal vision (as a

member of the Mancimian

centre around the themes of

reconciliation and tolerance.

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These would be affirmed through

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Professor CLIFF HAGUE

President

London W1

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BARRETT The Army Cades Force Association London SW3

Albanians in

Macedonia Sir: Miranda Vickers, in her article Kosovo set to ignite new Balkan war" (8 July), rightly warns about the situation in the province of Kosovo and the possibilities of conflict. However, she is not precise ecough when she writes that the Albanian minority in the Republic of Macedonia represents 40 per cent of the population. In the last official census of 1991. (supervised by the Council of Europe), 22.9 per cent of the population declared themselves as part of the Albanian minority. KONSTANTIN DORAKOVSKI Counsellor

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World Service, a lifeline amid lies

Sirs: Your leading article about the importance of the BBC World Service (17 July) reminded me of the fraught days preceding the Tiananmen Square massacre. We were staying oo a Peking university campus in a hall of residence which housed foreign students, lecturers, and research scholars. Luckily, one person had a good short-wave radio, which we all gathered around several times a day.

One entry in my diary is typical. On Sunday, 21 May, we were wakeoed early by some of the English and American students pounding on the door of the Canadian who owned the shortwave radio. Several of them had been up all night, sitting on the flat roof of our building to observe what was happening because there had been rumours about troops arriving at the campus and the Chinese students had been dashing to the various gates, hoping to repel them. When w foyer, we heard the 7am World Service broadcast, telling us that the troops were all stopped in the suburbs, held back by the workers and by barricades at all major intersections. On that day, as oo all others when we were desperate for news, the World Service was there accurate and clear and truthful.

You were right to stress the highly prized independence of the World Service, and its treatment of listeners an "adults capable of hearing truthful accounts". Listening to it here in England in the early morning hours provides a far more adult experience than most of the BBC domestic news programmes. Instead of the World Service purchasing programmes from the BBC News and Current Affairs, shouldn't it be the other way round? ELEANOR FISHMAN London N5

Sir: It's not just the future of the BBC World Service which is at stake (report, 16 July; letter, 18 July). English, as a pure international language, also comes under threat. The BBC World Service – radio

and television - is the best English language broadcaster, in the world. I know BBC broadcasters who go out of their way to use plain English - and you can't say that of most

other broadcasting organisations. The English language is Britain's greatest asset. The BBC uses it with care and skill for the millions who are listening in a non-mother tongue. Anything that threatens good plain English must be opposed. CHRIS MAHER

Director Plain English Campaign Stockport, Greater Manchester

Lesson of history

Sir. Dr Brian Mawhinney oow offers the slogan "New Labour: No Britain". As a Liberal Democrat I can safely say that what New Labour believes is not my problem. However, Dr Mawhinney's underlying assertion that separate parliaments destroy Britain is a plain historical error. For the first 104 years of its existence Britain was a union of sovereign states with separate parliameots and separate governments. Historians of all political persuasions would be willing to testify to this fact. Perhaps Margaret Thatcher was right that the National Curriculum should have included more British political history. Professor the Earl RUSSELL House of Lords London SWI

Silicon souls

Scientists claim we will one day be able to share totally someone else's life via computer 'soul' chips. But human experience cannot be digitised, says Andrew Brown

mmortality will be avail-able early in the next century. Some people might be sceptical about this, if only because the announcement of the conquest of death has been made by British Tetecom.

Certainly the prospect of an afterlife mediated through the telephone system conjures up some bizarre ideas of hell, or limbo. "Your reincarnation is being queued until a body is available to receive it. Please hold until a body is free. Thank you for calling Afterlife Central. Your reincarnation is being queued..." and so on for all eternity.

BI's artificial life research team says it hopes to record the electrical pulses that pass down our nervous system - for example from the eve to the brain -onto memory chips. The basic principle is that once these pulses have been recorded from one person's eyes, they could be played back into someone else's brain. BT researchers are now talking about extending this to cover all the sensory inputs to the brain, so that the raw material of everything a person sees, feels, hears, smells and tastes

One of the scientists predicted: This is the end of death'

could be captured in some kind of black box, using almost unmaginably powerful memory chips. The scientists at BT's Martlesham Heath laboratories in Ipswich call the chip the Soul Catcher.

One member of the BT team ioftily predicted: "This is the end of death." In perhaps three decades, he said, it would be possible to relive other people's to hold a lifetime's experience. lives by playing back their complate recorded experiences via a computer. With the Soul Catcher, a new haby could be every year - or every day. For given the digitised lifetime experiences of a dead person.

It is almost pure science fietion; in William Gihson's world half the characters wear electronically enhanced "eyes" of this sort. BT's engineers are assuming the capacity of memory chips will continue to increase a hundredfold every decade, as they have done for

The British Telecom laboratory at Martiesham Heath. Actually no, it's a brain-crunching scene from Fritz Lang's early sci-fi film Metropolis the past 20 years. But even if they don't it would simply mean that one chip was not enough The really interesting problems are not altered even if the black-box chip has to be changed slowly, sense by sense, as it is in Frederick Pohl's science ficwhat BT's engineers are assum-

tion novel Man Plus. ing is that human experience can he digitised, and that when we see, hear, or feel, our brains are manipulating data according to complex rules, just as computers do. They are proposing as fact one of the classic thought experiments of artificial intelligence: the brain in a vat.

The brain in a vat is a brain

with electronic wires grafted into its nerve endings which supply it with all the sensations it would have bad from the outside world. In the original form of this experiment, the substitution would be performed

The BT researchers seem to be proposing something altogether more ambitious: not virtual reality, but transferable reality. These speculations are very hot at the moment. More than a thousand scientists and philosophers attended a conference in Tucson. Arizona, in

the spring, entitled "Towards a Science of Consciousness", where all manner of speculations about the nature of reality and of experience were bandied about.

Most of the people there believe they are standing on the verge of a revolution as profound and exciting as that brought about by Crick and Watson's discovery of DNA. The hrain, after all, doesn't use any spooky technology so far as we can tell. Electrical signals are carried round it with the help of chemical reactions, and though the machinery for this is very complicated indeed. it is still just electric currents and chemical reactions. There can be no reason, why the pattern of pulses in your retinal nerve while you read this could not be duplicated in silicon, even if the rechnology to do this is nowhere in sight.

Yet there was a surprisingly strong backlash at Tucson against the sort of confidence the BT researchers take for granted. The world of consciousness research is deeply split between those people who believe that consciousness and experience are fundamentally nothing more than a form of information processing, and those who believe that our hrains are both more

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To try to have a view on

complex and more biologically determined than that. As far as I could see, the balance of advantage in the argument is moving away from the information processors. Even the strongest proponents of "strong artificial intelligence", who believe we could create a computer that thought and experienced in the same ways we do, now agree it will require an extraordinary degree of complexity. Danny Hillis, a former whizz-kid at the American Massachusetts Institute of Technology - who founded a supercomputer company named Thinking Machines suggested that you would need a network of computers a thousand times larger than the pre-

Among neuroscientists, the scepticism runs a great deal deeper. The brain and its processes grow more complex the more closely they are exammed: and it becomes harder and harder to draw firm boundaries between information and its processing. The BT scheme fur transferable experience is based on the idea that there is at some stage a feed of raw data

from the sense organs, which is

then processed by the brain.

But this raw data is harder and

who are causing all the troublel Maybe we should call in the

sent Internet to begin to do use-

ful design work on an artificial

harder to find. The distinction between the brain and the surrounding vat begins to look unreliable.

Dr Doug Watt, a neuroscien-tist at Quincey Hospital in Boston, was one of the most eloquent defenders of the essentially biological nature of our experience at the Tucson conference. He points out that all our experiences have an emotional content: they are not neutral information. "It is really almost impossible to separate cognition and emotional worth. Emotional worth is embedded in just about everything we do. It is essential for working memory. A recent project at Yale found there was nearly no such thing as an emotionally neutral word."

The essential thing that makes experience tolerable, he says, is that it is ours: integrated in a world we understand because it is made of our memories. When this integration breaks down, the result is psychosis, or delirium, not the kind of simple transfer of information envisaged by BT.

What is more, the structures of working memory are dependent on physical connections inside the hrain. These vary from brain to hrain, both genetically and as a result of experience. And the sorts of experi-

Ulster: could that man on the radio help?

Photograph: Ronald Grant/Archive

ence that can shape the brain change al different ages. A child brought up in the dark for the first three years of its life will never see properly, even though its optic nerve is fully developed. It is well-known that babies hrought up without any buman affection or interaction will di often die. They are genetically programmed to expect affection and response from the world around them, and when this fails to happen, says Dr Watt, "they are tortured in the most profound way. They are trying to make sense of a world which just will not make sense because it is emotionally wrong."

Dr Fraser Watts, a former president of the British Psychological Association who is now the Starbridge lecturer in science and theology at Camhridge University, says: "You can't Just pipe experience from one individual to another. Our experiences are the result of the interaction of sensory input and the way we process it. This is a process involving continual feedback from the hrain to the

sensory apparatus. "It is the translation of nerve impulses into experience that is the problem: the boundaries between science and science fiction are much more hlurred than people realise."

The dreams of the BT scientists can be traced at least as far back as Frankenstein's monster. It is a curious fact that when scientists have gone in for science fictional speculation, they have gone much further than pro-fessional writers dared. In Branz New World, published in 1929, Aldous Huxley foresaw most of the Nineties: genetic engineering, recreational drug use; easy sexual manners - and, in a development strikingly like BT's, "feelies" films that contained what we now would col-virtual reality. Huxley's con-temporary, the Marxist geneti-cist JBS Haldane, was imagining much wilder futures, in which the human race would attain to immortality.

Similarly, the science fiction of William Gibson takes for granted the kind of melding between brain and silicon that the BT researchers strive for. People wear silicon implants to give them memory, and rent out hrain space to hide corporate data in. Sober neuroscientists won't say anything about these possibilities. After a couple of beers, they will say that the only implant which shows any sign of improving human brain perfor-

The dreams can be traced back as far as Frankenstein's monster

mance or curing Alzheimer's comes from aborted foetuses, which is why no one will discuss the subject publicly.

But Gibson's world is in many ways more realistic than the imaginings of scientists such as Frank Tipler, whose book, The Physics of Immortality, publicised the idea that the human personality is just so much software that can be digitised and stored, and then reloaded at will on to better hardware.

His characters wear siliconenhanced eyes that allow their expenences to be shared by others. But they are not immortal, and they continue to inhabit a recognisable social world. When they share their experiences it is not with helpful policemen or amusing friends. as in the BT fantasies. In Gibson's world. Ibe experiences are shared with a world-wide audience of voyeurs and the wearers of implants are highlypaid stars in whose life as celebrities there is no distinction between work and play

His silicon-enhanced eyes are a lot more like television cameras than optic nerves. They feed a pre-processed version of reality to an audience which uses its own eyes and brains to make sense of it. And if there is one thing that the reaction to the BT announcement makes clear, it is that this is a lot more realistic than any other forms of virtual reality. Pure information that could pass from brain to computer and back again unchanged is as impossible a commodity as eternal life.

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Ah, well, that's the fallacy of the whole thing! We are always told by people from Northern Ireland that unless you know the place and the people and the history and the geography, vou can't understand what it's about. This means that the only people who know what it's

the situation in Northern Ireland, then? non-experts. Get some advisers Nothing. who don't know that the situa-How do you mean, nothing? tion is impossibe and get them I mean that, as the man said. to sort it out! anyone who says he under-It's been tried. stands the situation there They got in some total amashows thereby that he doesn't

teurs to sort it out? So, to have a view on North-W71122 ern Ireland is a waste of time? Mr Major and the British

Northern Ireland is the first Isn't that a bit granutously sign of insanity. It's like having a view on the afterlife, or on the No. Mr Major kceps referring to something called the "peace process". Everyone in future of the game of marbles. Unthinkable and in the long run, unknowable, and, in the Northern Ireland knows that even longer run, unimportant. there is no such thing as the

Governmen.

believe anything else he says. So what's the answer? That depends. What's the auestion?

The question is: How do we get peace in Nonhern Ireland? You don't. Never?

Not unless you do the unthinkahle. Send the Protestants back

them all back to Scotland? where they came from,



Well, the reason there are Protestants in Northern Ireworked out. So why not send

population!

Miles Kington

land at all is because, as the man says, Ulster was once upon a time the most Catholic and most troubled of all parts of Ireland, and when the Tudors were trying to sort the place out they thought it would keep Ibc Catholics in their place if they brought a load of Scottish Protestants over the water and put them in charge. Or at least give them all the best land and jobs. Well, after 400 years it hasn't really

You can't just uproot a whole Oh yes, you can. That's bow they got to Ulster in the first

place, by uprooting. Anyway, the British built their Empire by uprooling people. Indians to Trinidad. Africans to the Caribbean ...

Yes, but if you sent them all back to Scotland, you might not have a Northern Ireland prob-

lem any more, but you would have a big South-west Scotland Well, wouldn't that be bet-

ter than a Northern Ireland problem? And you would have people

in South-west Scotland marching through Dumfries in silly has playing fife and drum music looking like idiots.

People in Scotland are used to that. They would think it was either the Edinburgh Fringe parade or people practising for the Edinburgh Talloo. And that is your solution to

the Northern Ireland situation? Oh, no. There is no such thing as a solution to the Northern Ireland situation. As the man says, when you have ot a right and wrong situation. like apartheid, you can do something about it, but when it's a right against right situation, war is the only solution.

Which man is this that you keep quoting?

The man on the radio. The wise man you keep hearing on discussion programmes and news reports, saying, "If you think you understand the situation, you don't", and "Whal we have here is a conflict hetween myths", and Whatever else we've got in Northern Ireland, it's a very had advertisement for Christianity", and "It's a political problem, so there has to be a political solution," and sounding very wise the whole

Who is he?

Just a man. Do you think he could come up with a solution to the problem? Do you think HE is the only man who could clear it al

No. Even if he was, he wouldn't want to give up his

What job? Being the man on radio who knows about Northern

To be continued, but not in this space ...

All change for our urban way of travel

Don't despair of disruption on Tubes and trains: modern cities may not need them

nderground trains are, if you think about it, one of the most hudicrous, wasteful inventions of the modern world. They are the most expensive single investment that a city makes. Yet they are used at full capacity for only two one-and-a-half hour periods out of the 24. They require subsidies to build them and (usually) sub-sidies to run them – in other words, money has to be taken by force from people who do not use the system and given to people who do. Yet the users do not particularly enjoy spending this money, for Tube travel does not seem a particularly uplifting experience. Yet, as Londoners discovered courtesy of yesterday's strike, it is difficult to oper-

ate a large city without the Tube.

But wait. If something is inherently irrational - and putting people into crowded, swaying steel containers underground for quite long periods is at best a sub-optimal solution to urban transport - then something will come along that changes it. This could be a technical fix, just as the first underground trains under the Marylebone Road fixed the problem of extreme congestion above ground. Or it could be a functional fix so that we do not need to travel around so much.

There is no obvious technical fix on the horizon. We can all envisage an urban Disneyland where people are whisked around by a variety of cable-cars, chair lifts and "eggs", rather like a ski-resort, and of course it would be much more fun to go to work in an egg than in a tube. The trouble is that no other technology yet invented can match the combination of capacity and speed of an urban rail network. And none can be installed with as little evident damage to the fabric of the city as an underground one.

If it is not going to be a technical fix has to be a functional one. Mercifully, there are at least four reasons to believe that, while we will still be using Tube trains a generation from now (and even using some of today's rolling stock), we will not subject people to the sort of discomfort, overcrowding and pressures that we do now. The rush hour will be a distant memory.

Change one is the substituting of telecommunications for physical travel. Take with a pinch of salt the utopian visions of us all sitting at home, pecking away at our computers and having virtual coffee breaks over video phones with distant colleagues. Offices and factories will still exist and



people will still travel to work at them. But some of us will be able to spend some of our time away from our regular workplace. The advent of telecommunications will liberate many of us from regular commuting. We will still travel to work, but we will not be condemned to travel during those one-and-a-half hour windows.

Change two is the coming change in job structure: not whether we do jobs at home or in the office, but what those jobs will be. We have already seen a rapid run-down in manufacturing in all large cities in the developed world; now we are likely to see a similar rundown in employment by large-scale service employers like banks and insurance groups. The technological revolution that substituted capital for labour in the factory is starting to do

the same in the office. Instead the new jobs will appear in more personal services, areas like entertainment or care for older people. The key differences are that these new jobs are by their nature not nine-to-five, are not necessarily concentrated in a down-town central business district, and are in small workplaces rather than large ones. All these changes reduce pressure on the urban transport system.

Change three is a transformation in where some people want to live. Many arc moving back into city centres. often taking up space vacated by the run-down in commercial activity, and helping to supply a market for the new entertainment services being developed. Victorian warehouses make ideal living space. As a result London's pop-ulation is rising after decades of decline and the fastest growth is in areas such as Clerkenwell, slap bang in the centre, between the City and the West End. No need for a Tube; you can walk to work.

Finally, we can just glimpse a trend in giant cities of a movement to develop multi-centres. The easiest way to explain this is to look at the world's largest urban agglomeration, Tokyo. You can make Tokyo work, just, by spending vast amounts on urban trans-

port, putting people in tiny houses and making them commute for a couple of hours each way. But how much better if you could split the city into four or five zones, each with a business centre, but more important, each with all the cultural and social excitement of what would still be a giant city of five or more million people. Then you could cut commuting times by a half or more. This strategy is being seriously considered by Tokyo's planners.

Now apply the same thought to Lon-

don. How can the city develop into a multi-centred region, with strong "cen-tres" on the fringe? It is already becoming a three-centred area, with a central business district in the West End, the City and Docklands. Take that thought further. Croydon and Ham-mersmith could become new cultural magnets as well as office centres. If Slough were in America, it would be calling itself the world's next great city.

In Dickens's time. city-dwellers walked. They walked to work; they walked to the theatre; they walked to dinner. Then came the urban train, More than a century on, we are feeling our way back to a society in which we will not rely so heavily on this Victorian invention.

BOOK REVIEW

When the Music Stops

Norman Lebrecht

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Tenors, dollars and doom

lassical music, it seems, is in a bad way. Stars are paid too much, record companies are too big, imagi-nations are too small. Ticket sales have "tumbled", record revenues have "shrivelled", funds have "dried up," orches-tras are "threatened with extinction". Agents are greedy, maestros are greedy, manage-menis are greedy. Standards of performances are down.

And this - mark Norman Lehrecht"s words - is only the bit we can see. The corporate murder of "classical" music - as his subtitle has it - is only half the story. The classical music business "condones child sex", the author hisses. It practises the "corruption of youth and truth". He would like to tell us about "the money, the lies, the

illegal sex".

As it turns out, he doesn't tell us too much about the latter, preferring to dwell on the husiness angle instead. The allega-tion of wholesale, apocalyptic moral corruption, however. needs considering. It comes down, apparently, to the fact that "a certain top conductor has a compulsion for sex with under-age boys", something "widely known" in the business. The conductor has been arrested in the past, but his agent and others within the upper echelons of classical music" have covered up for him, Such behaviour would be tolerated in no other sector of the entertainment industry, claims Lebrecht: even Hollywood "retched" when Michael Jackson was accused of child

It stands to reason, then, according to Lebrecht, that the entire music business must be guilty of moral corruption, If one covers up, they all cover up. A similar logic operates through the book, referring particular instances of corruption to a general culture of sin. An agent m America was a bit of a cad? Agents are cads. Karajan was a megalomanic There's a list of half a dozen more. Musicians and their associates are bad, no doubt, but are they really worse than the rest of us, as Lebrecht

appears to believe? Might he not find a similar share of perversion, cover-up and conspiracy in the chemicals business, the publishing business, the garden centre business?

If his logic is dubious, Lebrecht's description of the state of musical affairs, his tenaclous noting of board room shuffles and record industry

statistics is hard to argue with. Even for those who disdain such things, his figures make riveting reading. PT Barnum, the "Greatest showman on Earth" offered Liszt half a million dollars to play an American tour back in the 1850s and the scope for musical venality has been on the increase ever since: when Liszt refused, Barnum signed up the soprano Jenny Lind instead, without even hearing her. How far from this to the star culture of today? Pavarotti earned \$15m in 1993. 4 million more than Nigel Mansell (sporting comparisons are a thing with this author). The Big Three have a lot to answer for altogether: their Three Tenors concert in 1990, according to Lebrecht, was "the day the music died".

Even hefore them, Lebrecht's catalogue of artistic greed is gleeful, however: Herhert von Karajan's domination of the Salzburg festival so that only his artists, his record companies, got the bookings; the operation of agency monopolies in America, the domination of record companies by multinational conglomerates. Post-Three Tenors, fee inflation was inevitable and was, it seems, the last straw. Without Luciano, Joe and Placido fees would not have gone through the roof. Domingo wouldn't have broken his contract with Covent Garden to sing with the others. Entire production budgets would not have been wasted on stars and rank-and-file musicians would not have suffered frozen pay. The manager of the Paris Opera would not have suggested his House had "no

need for a music director".
"Music cried out for help," goes the author's final lament, "but the music business turned its back ... and went all out to make money". Sadly, however, detailed and impassioned though it is, Lebrecht's hook is a missed opportunity. Why cry "woe" once calamity has struck? His reactionary yearning for "epic beroes and moral leaders" - as if music were an endar

gered nation, not a living, healthy art - will take Lebrecht nowhere. Nobody wants jobs lost and salaries cut. But blinded by tears, Lebrecht misses the potential for good lurking in the change, the chance that the current turn towards a cosmopolitan, flexible, small-scale, plurality of influence may be precisely the saviour music needs

Dermot Clinch

The fine art of networking

The Arts Council is in danger of being seen as a club for croneys, argues **David Lister**

ultural patronage is a concept that has never been easily assimilated into British society. Our most effective patrons have been rich individuals and families. From Sir Henry Tate to the Sainsburys, their bricks and mortar benefaction is patently visible.

But, in stark contrast to America, the British arts establishment has, since the birth of the Arts Council at the end of the Second World War, favoured public patronage of the arts. From the Royal Ballet, Royal Opera and other national companies to the smallest nomadic touring outfits, the public purse through the self perpetu-ating cultural elite on the Arts Council's committees and panels have decided which art and artists shall prosper.

Some of the implications of this have been commented on over the years. As the cultural historian Robert Hewison puts it in his latest book. Culture And Consensus. "Bureaucracies such as the Arts Council ... appear unaccountable to anyone, protected as they are by the pre-tence that they are at arm's length both from government and from the constituency of artists whose interests they are supposed to serve. This is one of the reasons why the public culture has become strangely bloodless and rootless."

But I have another worry, which is potentially more disturbing than the debate over whether our culture is bloodless and rootless. It is whether it is beginning to smack of croncyism. The National Lottery, adding a staggering £351m to the Arts Council's normal spending of

£186m, means that it now has a financial power that places it among the most powerful cultural patrons in history.

Yet so far, while putting lottery applications through the most rigorous scrutiny, it has not

always been subject to the same rigorous spotlight being turned upon its own methods of doling out cultural patronage.

They don't always inspire confidence. The council is currently considering the South Bank

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Centre's redevelopment, at £127m the largest lottery application of all. If the full scheme goes ahead, as is likely, it will be a massive contract for the architect employed by the South Bank Centre, Sir Richard Rogers. Sir Richard is a bril-liant and visionary architect. But he is also vice chairman of the Arts Council, the body that will award the money.

Sir Richard's talents are badly needed in such organisations, and the council is at pains to point out that he has not been and will not be involved in any decision concerning this project. He leaves the room when the matter is debated. But perceptions are important - not least the need for openness and accountability. It cannot be right for an architect, however distinguished, to



remain vice chairman of a body that could be awarding his firm a multi-million pound contract. If this were happening in business or politics, the artistic community would be the first to satirise it. One can almost imagine the late night Edinburgh Festival revues lampooning such an apparent conflict of interest.

Then there is the case of Peter Gummer. Peter, brother of John Selwyn, the Tory Cabinet minister, chaired the Arts Council's lottery

advisory panel. This same panel successfully recommended that the council give the Royal Opera House £78m of lottery money. Mr Gummer has now been appointed chairman of the Royal Opera House. Again there is absolutely nothing in the rules of quangos that prohibits such an appointment. But the perception - not least among small and struggling arts companies that have failed to get lottery cash - of the man who recommended a £78m windfall for an institution

then going off to chair that institution is not an

Darcey Bussell, of the Royal Ballet, as Sacred Love in Frederick

substantial funding for

future projects, it must

make sure it can bear

Photograph: Laurie Lewis

Ashton's 'Les

Illuminations'.

If the Arts Council

wants to obtain

public scrutiny

entirely reassuring one.
But conflict of interest is a phrase that is met with blank looks at the Arts Council, It can see nothing remotely eyebrow-raising that one in seven of the 132 people serving on its own spe-cialist advisory panels is involved in preparing lottery bids for their own organisations, not that these self-same panels have regularly awarded grants to their own members. Like Sir Richard these people leave the room when they are being

discussed. The corridors must be seething.

The Arts Council claims it has "a specific ethical code to avoid conflicts of interest". But the possible perception of the arts establishment lookafter its own is a danger. If a committee of doctors dispensed lottery money to a hospital and then one of those doctors went off to run that hospital I dare say it would be commented upon. But last week lottery thinking took an even

odder twist. Perhaps those of a tender disposition should read no further. Professor Andrew Motion, the poet and biog-

rapher, told this newspaper he favoured money from the national lottery going to fund the creation of writers' "safe" houses in which professional writers could go for a week or two to work

away from "yowling families".

It is a distressing thought, these poets and novelists distracted from their musings by real life spouses nagging, adolescents arguing and toddlers crying. Let us hope that these writers' safe houses are not located too deep in the countryside lest the twittering of birdsong prove as disturbing to the muse as the yowing family.

Those who travel in to offices on crowded

delayed trains and work in stressful redundancy threatened environments may yearn for the odd day at home with the yowling family and dismiss Professor Motion's plea for lottery money for writers as an irrelevance.

But it is highly relevant. For Professor Motion now chairs the Arts Council's literature panel and his is a highly influential voice. He is a cultural patron now.

Along with many others I campaigned for the arts to be beneficiaries of a National Lottery long before the lottery became a reality in Britian. The arts have already benefited greatly. But the honeymoon could soon be over. Jack Cunningham, Labour's heritage spokesman, has indicated that a Labour government might want to channel lottery money in different directions. He told The Stage newspaper: "By the end of the cen-tury the arts will have had £1.5bn. Is it envisaged that it continues receiving the £250m every year

it currently gets?"

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Save my beloved Cuba from Miami's vices

the United States is a bad loser.
It lost the Vietnam war and then, imposing tough trade sanctions against its former enemy, cut its economic nose to spite its political face. Twenty years on, having failed to overthrow Gaddafi in Libya and the ayatollahs in Iran, Washington now seeks to punish these "pariah" regimes by issuing sanctions against foreign firms investing in them.

Imagine how mad Washington is now that countries, including Britain, have finally taken issue with the miserable Heims-Burton law that has caused so much hunger and despair for so many years in Cuba, just 90 miles south of Florida, that shining pearl of free-market culture.

In 1959, when Che Guevara marched his rebel army into Havana and paved the way for Fidel Castro's five-year-old Cuban children are left to seizure of political power, Washington could have chosen to have made peace with this youthful and idealistic regime. Guevara might have been a committed international revolutionary, but nary US citizens to support the war on illegal makeshift rafts. These things way and Greene, that seedy, illiterate,

The West must urge America to stop its destructive vendetta against this captivating island, says Jonathan Glancey

Castro was, above all, a nationalist. The against Hitler. Pictures of naked Viet are well known. And still it does not Cuban Revolution moved radically to the left only after the attempted US invasion of Cuha at the Bay of Pigs in 1961. Having lost, President Kennedy imposed trade sanctions against Cuba. Moscow stepped foxily into the breach, trading economic support for missile bases.

Since Kennedy and the withdrawal of Soviet aid to Cuba in 1989, seven more US presidents have tried to starve Castro's Cuba into submission. Our sympathies should lie with Cuba. It is hard to believe that decent Americans can stand by their government while walk miles to school with no breakfast other than a glass of warm, sugared water. Photographs of British children wounded in the Blitz encouraged ordi-

namese children being burned alive by napalm hastened the American disengagement from that war.

If I could take a representative sample of American families to, say, the Camilo Cienfuegos ballet school in Havana to watch dedicated teachers and talented children pirouetting on splintered floors in threadbare pumps. I feel confident they would want to jump straight on board one of the planes they are barred from taking to Cuba, bringing all the help they could.

Cuba is remarkable in that it continnes to try to live up to a First World way of life, even though food and fuel are severely rationed, average salaries are between \$7 and \$12 a month, transport is almost non-existent and desperate people flounder to Florida a long way from the Cuba of Heming-

seem like a Third World country. Because of the notably high standard

of education and health care it developed with the help of the USSR, Cuba is sophisticated to a degree that takes the holidaymakers who come here to top up their tans in winter by surprise. Cuba is not a banana republic, nor some tin-pot Communist dictatorship.

Until Soviet aid fell away and the full brunt of the US trade embargo was felt, Cuba prospered. Here was an unlikely outpost of socialism, a stunning tropical island laced with some of the world's best beaches, music, ice-cream and cocktails, and among its chattiest people. All this, plus significant advances in medical science, education, sport, literature and architecture. It was

desperately poor tobacco plantation and casino run by the dictator Batista on behalf of Washington. Miami Cubans have plans for Havana that would turn the clocks back to the Fifties, to create one glitzy strip of mur-derous and drug-riddled casinos. Locals will wait at tables and, as they are doing already to buy food, children will put out for overpaid, oversexed Yanks.

Of course there have been mistakes, over-reliance on the Soviet Union only the most obvious. Yet crime and human rights abuses in Cuba are small beer by US standards, and, despite its poverty, Cuba remains one of the world's safest countries; the police

presence is notable by its absence. The way to prevent Cuba's descent into Miami vice is for European countries to put pressure on Washington to drop sanctions, while investing in an island that will reward its new-found international friends with that seductive tropical mix of charm, beauty, art, social concern, and idealism that drew me to it, with open eyes, a long time ago.

Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe

Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe was one of low AA student, J.C. Shepthe century's greatest landscape architects. His contribution to landscape design – a discipline he credited above huilding design as the "Mother of all Arts" - has been described as equal to that of one of his great heroes, the 18th-century gardener Capability Brown. Among Jellicoe's triumphs

are the grounds of Royal Lodge at Windsor, Sandringham in Norfolk, Sutton Place near Guildford, public gardens at Hemel Hempstead and the Kennedy Memorial at Runnymede, together with many small private commissions. But exceeding them all in scale and complexity was his work on the Moody Historical Gardens in Galveston, Texas, which he started in 1985. It is a project due to commence on site in the next few years and which Jellicoe suspected he would never see completed. Yet, so powerful was his vision for the gardens that he felt no sadness at the prospect of not seeing their realisation - "In my mind I know the gardens. Eve already walked through every inch of them."

The designs for the Moody Gardens provided a litting tribute to, and culmination of, Jellicoe's 70-year-long career. They were conceived as a threedimensional history of man starting with the Garden of Eden. When complete, they will embody his thoughts and ideas about landscape as a reflection of the civilisations which created them.

However, Jellicoe did not ser out to be a landscape. designer and, surprisingly, confessed to a hatred of gardening.

He was born in 1900, educated at Cheltenham College and then trained to be an architect at the Architectural Association. It was while at the AA that his interest in landscape was first kindled when he and a felherd, toured Italy to study the country's famous gardens.

The trip had been made at the suggestion of a lecturer who told the students that nothing had been written on the subject of Italian gardens since the early 19th century and that the time was well overdue for a new appraisal. The result of the tour was Jellicoe's first book, cowritten with Shepherd, entitled The Italian Gardens of the Renaissance. It was published in 1925, is now in its fifth edition, and is regarded as a standard.

On his return to England, Jellicoe chose not to pursue a career in landscape design, but instead set up an architectural practice. He did. however, in 1929, help found the Institute of Landscape Architects and then went on to set up the International Federation of Landscape Architects, of which he was an Honorary Life President. Among his early pre-war work Jellicoe designed the crisp

modernist Caveman restaurant at Cheddar Gorge in Somerset and the Gordon Russell showrooms and factory in London, Shortly after the Second World War Jellicoe spent several years in Zumbia working on schools, hospitals, airports and hotels and then in the Caribbean where he designed a Palladianstyle, coral-huilt mansion in

His post-war work in Britain included the Civic Centre and other municipal buildings in Plymouth, public housing and industrial buildings, a department store in Guildford and swimming baths in Cheltenham. He also qualified as a town planner and orepared plans for Guildford. Wellington and the centre of Gloucester, hut most important was his Master Plan for Hemel Hempstead, Although not all his ideas were executed. he did see the inclusion of his



Jellicoe: "In my mind I know the garden

public gardens with their long, serpentine lake, which has re-

mained a hugely popular oasis. Throughout his career, Jellicoe was frequently asked to advise on gardens and landscaping. During the war he became one of the first landscape architects consulted by industry. His designs, drawn up in 1942, for the Earle's Cement Works in Derbyshire set an example for others to follow. It was here that

with the potential to scar the landscape could be incorporated into rural areas and, indeed, create the opportunity for attractive, new landscape. But despite growing demand for his landscape design be resist-ed making it his full-time work

because he feared it would not be financially viable.

Photograph: Stephen Parker he demonstrated how a business became increasingly convinced that garden design was more

> generally accepted. He had first noticed the impact landscape could make when visiting the Italian gardens - they appealed not just to his aesthetic sense but also to his spirit. He accepted that beauty was a potent force on its own.

complex and affecting than was

personality of the area and local people, or a garden and its owners, and somenow "plant" elements which were almost invstical. It was a difficult concept to explain but his theory was tested at Hemel Hempstead.

Some years after the gardens there were complete I was contacted by the parks department saving they had want-ed to change the shape of the lake and reclaim part of the gar-dens for a new fire station. Jellicoe told me. "It was extremely unusual for them 10 bother to contact me - I had left the prolect years before. But the council official explained that he and others in his department felt curiously uneasy about making the alterations and wanted to talk to me about them. The truth was that unbeknown to them. I had designed the lake as a serpent which it was really only possible to see from the air. They wanted to chop a bit off the head and instinctively felt it to be wrong. Jellicoe explained his reservations and the building work was cancelled.

Shortly after this he discovered the writings of Jung and immediately many of his ideas were pulled into sharp focus. Of particular interest were Jung's houghts on the workings of the conscious and subconscious the material and the spiritual.

One of the clearest interpretations of Jung's ideas was at the Kennedy Memorial. Completed in 1965, the site close to the Thames river in Surrey was designed by Jellicoe as a place of pilgrimage and contemplation where visitors wove their way through a wooded hillside on a path made of thousands of stone setts, each representing a pilgrim, to emerge at a light-filled clearing and the simple, carved memorial stone. Nearby was seating However, with each new but felt that designers could add - two raised benches repre-landscape commission Jellicoe an extra dimension to reflect the senting Kennedy and his wife

and smaller stones symbolising their children. The combination of symbols, hard and soft elements, light and shade, and the climb to a hilltop give the place an aura and great sense

of dienuty. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s Jellicoe published several important books including the three-volume series Studies in Landscape Design. But among the most revered was The Landscape of Man. published in 1975, which was co-written with his wife. Susan. (Susan died in 1986.) Here Jellicoe expounded his ideas on the importance of landscape and its ability to reflect the civilisations which occupy it. It was this book which inspired the Moody Historical Gardens project.

The book appeared during Jellicoe's retirement from professional practice. He used his seventies to rest and travel. and in 1979 was knighted for his services to landscape design. The knighthood, however, sparked off a new phase in his career and resulted in a decade

of prodigious output.

Aged 80 he was coaxed from retirement by his old friend Sir Hugh Casson to design gardens for Sutton Place, near Guildford Such was their success that a flood of commissions arrived from around the world - public landscaping in Italy, private commissions in Britain and the Moody Gardens in America.

Jellicoe described the Moody Gardens as "the summary of my life's work". The 25 acres of gardens form a part of a massive 20-year scheme to revitalise 150 acres of sea marshes off the Texas coast near Houston. The \$50m gardens project is intended to be both commercial and educational - the plants and architecture will be as historically accurate as possible.

Visitors will pass through the scenery by boat or on foot

from the Garden of Eden with its enormous moss-covered anple and mysterious serpent. past an Egyptian garden, then a Roman one and so on through almost 5.000 years of history tak. ng in 15 cultures from East and West. There will be neat, formal gardens, rolling romantic landscape, waterfalls, caves and

monsters. Following his first tour of the site Jellicoe produced, overnight, his original sketch for the gardens. This was then developed into a series of enermous, and beautiful drawings. Jellicoe had developed a distinctive style of design which was illustrative and colourful and was made on enormous sheets of paper the size of hearth-rugs.

Work on the Moody Gardens

project was carried out in a small office at his home on a top floor in Highpoint. Until last year he eschewed any temptation to retire to the country and adored living in his modern apartment with its views out over the gardens, parks, schools and houses of Hampstead and Highgate. The choice of Af-dress, his taste for 20thcentury art and his interests in Jung and the green movement were all indications of Geoffres Jellicoe's progressive thinking. He always enjoyed exchanging ideas with young people and regularly gave lectures to students where his favourite opening line was: "If people try to tell you life begins at 40 don't believe them - it begins at 80."

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Fay Sweet Geoffrey Alan Jellicoe, architect and landscape designer: born London 8 October 1900; Principal, Architectural Association Schools 1939-41; President, Institute of Landscape Architects 1939-49; CBE 1961; Kt 1979; R4 1991; married 1936 Lirsula Pares

(died 1986); died Seaton, Devon

Sqn Ldr Hoof Proudfoot

Squadron Leader "Hoof" Proudfoot AFC RAF (Rtd). alternas killed piloting a Lockheed P38 Lightning at an air show at Duxtero on Sunday, was unknown as Michael except to his mother. He was an extraordinary man.

Raconteur par excellence. capable of holoing a group doubled in mirth for the entire weekend. Proudfoot could easily have carned his living as a stand-up ecomic of the old music hall, Instead, he enlisted in 1958 us a "Holton Brat" RAF boy apprentice technician. Al- leisure flying of historic aircraft ter completing his three-year with the Fighter Collection at the Imperial War Museum, character, he somehow made the extremely rare conversion from litter to fighter pilot.

Having gained his wings with great distinction, he flew Hunters with 20 Squadron in the Far East and in 1970 was accepted for the introductory courses of the then revolutionary vertical take-off Harrier. This incredible aircraft became his speciality. Proudfoot was awarded the coveted Air Force Cross, for exceptional airmanship in recovering a Harrier at night with a major electrical failure. Due to his expertise he was chosen for an exchange tour with the US Marine Corps, who had just purchased the British jump-jet. His three years at Cherry Point, North Carolina. gave him a great rapport with American flyers and an inexhaustible fund of rib-cracking

By his early thicties. Hoof Proudfoot was already a Squadron Leader, with command of a tactical weapons unit before being promoted to a staff job at RAF Strike Command. Flying a desk, even for a short period, was "prison" for him and he resigned his com-mission in 1979, to make a career as an airline pilot with Britannia. He rapidly became a dedicated and careful captain of Boeing 737 and 767.

An irrepressible fighter pilot. he found his way into volunteer Duxford. Yet again, by force of talent, application, natural leadership and personality, he rose to Chief Pilot. Whether flying his 60hp Cub, or 3,000hp high performance Second



Proudfoot: impish Photograph: J. Dibbs

World War fighters and bombers, he displayed the same respect for the machinery and the maintenance and restoration engineers involved; always the same cautious, systematic and reverent approach to flying and displaying these exotic aircraft

His humility did nothing to mask his genius or method in flight. He was a model generous to a fault with his experience and time, prepared to leach or advise, yet prepared to enquire or to learn.

He married at a very young age. His wife Suc watched him infuse and finally share his enthusiasm for aviation and zest for life with their two sons, Lee and Ian-both now professional Hoof Proudfoot was an imp-

ish but naturally courteous man who leaves hright memories always winning the raw egg eating contests; grinning from ear to ear whilst bombing from a Second World War Mustang fighter in Steven Spielberg's Empire of the Sun; buying flowers for his 89-year-old mother. He was an outstanding fighter pilot and friend, full of fun and fair play, who died with his passion undimmed. Stephen Grey

Michael Bryan Proudfoot, pilot: born Norwick 22 September 1941: AFC 1974; married 1963 Susan Lavender (two sons); died Duxford, Cambridgeshire 14 July

Edgar Degas, painter, 1834; Charles



This photograph, left, was shot on a samptaous June afternoon in 1988, writes Herbie Knott. LWT's camera crew and I made our way to a headland overlooking Cuckmere Haven, and sat in the long grass, under blue skies.

Hoof Proudfoot, flying a Mk Spitfire, and Nick Grace, chasing him in a Messerschmitt 109, rounded South Hill on the far side of the bay. Gradually, the stillness of our cliff-top position was invaded by the of the aircraft en The noise grew louder, then vanished, as the aircraft disappeared beneath the high For a couple of seconds you

could hear the sea, the breeze, the birds, then ... GRRR-BROOOOOMMM! flashed almost vertically upwards, yards from the cliff-edge, spiralling into a perfect victory roll, his Merlin engine sparting and grinding with the strain of being pushed near the limit. A little cough in the beat (Merlius were never good upside-down) and he was gone, Nick followed, then silence. Just the distant sound of the sea, and the breeze.

We repeated the exercise two or three times. The Spittire's visual explosion from invisibility to victory roll was so sudden that none of us knew that we had really captured the moment until we saw the evidence on film, and on transparency. Be-

tween times, we sat, waited, and enjoyed the delight of working on a perfect day, sitting in the long, brown grass of summer, enjoying one of the world's most blissful shooting locations.

Both Nick and Hoof are now dead. Nick in a car crash, Hoof in his P38 Lightning, at Duxford. They, both, were qui-et, witty, unassuming people They were never household names. But well over 250,000 people a year turned out to watch them fly, and around 10 million television viewers sat in their armchairs viewing Piece of Cake, the LWT drama series, thrilling to their flying, without ever knowing their

Hoof's day joh was mundane. On our second or third meeting, he described it as "flying farting tourists to Geneva and back". He was a senior captain with Britannia Airways.

At some point in his life, with a riotous bunch of drunken skiers in the cabin, he must have fantasised about the joy of flipping his 737 into a victory roll, just to shut them up, and take the pressure off his cabin

Fortunately for them, he didn't. Fortunately for the four or five of us who were there to witness it, he saved his best flying for that blissful day at Friston, East Sussex. Seen, remembered, never to be

Births, Marriages

DEATHS

JOHN: David Richard, died peaceful-ly on 15 July. Consultant Surgeon (re-tired) at Hillingdon, Mount Vermon and Harefield Hospitals, betoved husband of Mary, father of Elizabeth, Nicholas and Kathryn and brother of Diana, Private cremation, Service of celebration of David's life at St Anselm's Church, Westfeld Park Anselm's Church, Westfield Park, Haich End, Middlescx, on Friday 2 August at 12 noon. No flowers please. August at L. noon. No howers please. PROUDFOOT: Michael Bryan (Hoof), ragically at Duxford Airfield on 14 July 1996, aged 54 years. Funeral service 1pm fuesday 23 July at St Michaet and All Angels Parish Church, Hughenden, Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Battle of Britain Memorial Tart, at Supran & Herrord En. Trust, c/o Surman & Horwood Fu-neral Service, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough HP27 (IAE.

IN MEMORIAM JOHNSON: Peter. On 19 July 1994 loved you then, now, and forever. War-

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ior, National Theatre, 44; Mr Ilic Nastase, tennis player, 50; Mr Adri-Dinners an Noble, artistic director, Royal Shakespeare Company, 46; Sir Fred-erick O'Brien QC, former Sheriff Principal, Lothian and Borders, 79;

HM Government The Hon Nicholas Soames MP, Minister of State for the Armed Forces. was the host of a dinner given by HM Government yesterday evening at Lancaster House, London SW1. in bonour of King Hussein and Queen Noor of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy were present.

Victoria and Albert Muscum: Jean

Schofield, "The Decoration of Floors

and Walls II", 2.30pm.

HM Government

Mr Anthony Nelson MP, Minister for Trade, was the bost of a dinner givon by HM Government yesterday evening in honour of the Export

State Opening of Parliament

Parliament will be opened by the Queen at 11.30am on Wednesday 23 October 1996. Peers who will be present at the ceremony may apply for a place in the Chamber for their Peerson and the present of their Peerson of the ess or husband, and for their eldest son or daughter above 14 years of age. A limited number of scats in the Royal Gallery will be available for guests of members of both Houses of Parliament. Members of the House of Commons should apply for these seats to the Speaker's Secretary, House of Commons, London SWIA (IAA Applications from Peers using the forms issued to those eligible should be sent to the Secretary to the Lord Great Chamberlain, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW, by Friday 27 September 1996.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard

Time bar not extended for late libel claim

C v Mirror Group Newspapers and others; Court of Appeal Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Morritt, Lord Justice Pill) 2t June 1996

For the purpose of section 32A of the Limitation Act 1980, which enabled a libel action to be brought out of time where the plaintiff had been unaware till then of "facts relevant to the cause of action", the relevant facts were those establishing the existence of a cause of action, not the absence of a possible defence thereto.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, who may not be named. against that part of a decision of Sir Michael Davies, sitting as a High Court judge on 20 March 1995, by which he struck out as having being brought out of time, her libel claim against the four defendants, Mirror Group Newspapers, South West Wales Newspapers Ltd. Western Mail & Echo Ltd and South Wales Evening Post. But the court allowed the plaintiff's appeal against that

part of the judge's order where-

by he had also struck out her

The plaintiff in person: Parrick

Moloney (Davenport Lyons) for the

and Jane Plullips (Oswald Hickson

claim in malicious falsehood,

enlist the help of the media in locating the children. After the hearing the father spoke to the press, making se-rious and defamatory allegations against the plaintiff, in particular that she was confirst defendant: Thomas Shields QC nected with a drugs gang. This was completely untrue and was

LAW REPORT

19 July 1996

Collier & Co. and Sharpe Pritchard ly, the allegations were pubfor Loosemores, Cardiff and for Foot & Bowden, Plymouth) for the second to fourth defendants; Andrew Caldelished in a number of newspapers. The report in the cott QC (Treasury Solicitor) as Daily Mirror on 22 March 1988 amicus curiae. did not make clear that the words were spoken outside court rather than during the Lord Justice Neill said the hearing. The other newspaper plaintiff was divorced in 1984.

She was given custody of her reports made this clear. two children and took them on holiday to Tenerife, but then did not bring them hack to Eng-land. On the father's application they were made wards of court and an order was made requiring their return to

Said in court. On 25 August 1993, Judge England. On hearing that they were now in Australia, the father made an application which came before Judge Michael Evans QC, sitting as a High Court judge in Swansea, who on 21 March 1988 adjourned the hearing into open court and lifted reporting restrictions to

later withdrawn. Unfortunatecourt proceedings. Her writ was issued within a year thereafter.

The plaintiff received a copy of the Daily Mirror article in Australia and telephoned the newspaper in England to complain about it. She was told that the newspaper was just repeating what her husband had

Michael Evans wrote to the plaintiff stating that to the best of his recollection the father had, on 21 March 1988, said nothing in court about drug smuggling nor that the plaintiff was a drug smuggler. The plaintiff issued writs on 21 March 1994, well outside the normal three-year limitation period in defamation but just within the six-year period for

malicious falsehood. The plaintiff relied on section 32A to defeat the limitation defence to her libel claim, saying that it was only upon re-

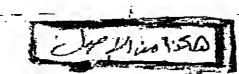
ceipt of Judge Evans's letter in August 1993 that she realised that her involvement in drug smuggling had not been mentioned in court on 21 March 1988, and therefore that the newspaper reports had not been privileged as accounts of

In Johnson v Chief Constable of Surrey [1992] CA Transcript 961, the Court of Appeal held that the words "any fact relevant to the plaintiff's right of action" in section 31(1)(b) of the 1980 Act meant facts which should be pleaded in a statement of claim.

That also applied to the relevant expression in section 32A. The relevant facts were those which the plaintiff had to prove to establish a prima facie case. That being so, the fact alleged to have become known to the plaintiff only in August 1993, that drug smuggling had not been mentioned in court was not a relevant fact within

the meaning of section 32A. It was relevant only to the possible existence of a defence under the Law of Libel Amendment Act 1988 which conferred a privilege upon fair and accurate newspaper reports of public court proceedings.

Paul Magrath, Barrister



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Watchdog sets BT final deadline on curbs

MICHAEL HARRISON and CHRIS GODSMARK

telecommunications watchdog Oftel last night told BT that unless it agreed to a package of new price controls and curbs on anti-competitive behaviour within the next fortnight, it will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers

Don Cruickshank, the di-rector general of Oftel, delivered his final proposals to the

bly linked" and that BT could ing condition into BT's licence not accept one without the 10 prohibit anti-competitive

If BT has not responded to Offel by 2 August, it will be taken t have rejected the proposals and will be sent to the MMC, said Mr Cruickshank.

The proposals are the same as those sel out by Oftel in June and would timit increases in charges to most of BT's residential customers to inflation less 45 percentage points for four years from next July. They company with a blunt state-ment that they were "indivisi-shank to introduce a fair trad-

haviour.

The regulator's uncompromising stance came after pleas from an army of private shareholders at BT's annual meeting yesterday urging the company to stand firm against

BT will consider the proposals at a crunch board meeting next Tuesday although it will have 10 days after that to decide whether or not to accept, At the company's 12th annual general meeting in New-

castle, one of the "Sids" summed up the general mood. Margaret Hubbard from south London wanted reassurance that BT would not give up its campaign to gain a right of

appeal.

If we fail we might as well just roll over and play dead," she said.

But BT's chairman. Sir lain Vatlance kept shareholders guessing as to what the hoard would decide at Tuesday's crucial meeting, one of the most important since the company was privatised in 1984.

industry agree that a legislative solution which could resolve these difficulties, would be preferable. And we hope that ihis can be achieved," Sir lain

Sir Iain may have moderated his language in recent months since describing Mr Cruickshank's plans at "highly dangerous" late last year but the two sides remain as far apart as ever on the fundamental question of a formal

right of appeal. Many shareholders blamed

Oftel for the uncertainty which has plagued the share price. Dorothy and Roy Hodgson

from York - retired BT employees with 77 years' combined service and shareholders since privatisation - said: "It's gone on long enough. It's time Oftel hacked off a bit. Don Cruickshank is too tough."

Munching a cheese sand-wich before the start of the meeting. Mr Hodgson said: "It's a British firm and we should be supporting it. It's not as if there isn't plenty of competition around."

BT's shares stood at 359.5p last night, not far above the 335p price of the second BT share offer in December 1991 and way below the 410p price Interest in the annual general meeting has dwindled with the share price itself. Only 657 small investors attended, most of them retired, yesterday at the

previous gatherings.
But the board did face tough questioning yesterday over the £686,600 "pay-off" to the for-

Newcastle Arena - a fraction of

the 2,000 who used to attend

mer managing director, Michael Hepher, Mr Hepher left the company at the end of last year but under the terms of his contract continues to receive of BT two and a half years ago. a salary until August 1997. He also received benefits including a chanffeur and private health care worth £57,700.

Asked about the "pay-off". Sir lain was more tight-lipped. "It made sense" for Mr Hepher to leave early, he said, the salary was "entirely consistent with the recommendations of

the Greenbury Committee. Comment, page 21

Boardroom bust-up: Non-executives revolt against decision to oust directors without shareholder approval

Emap wins vote against dissidents

PATRICK TOOHER

Controversial proposals to make it easier for media group Emap to sack directors without shareholder approval were narrowly approved yesterday amid an unprecedented public revolt by two disaffected non-

Kenneth Simmonds, a London Business School academic, mind-set as the board," he said. and Joe Cooke, vice-chairman of the Telegraph newspaper group, told Emap's annual meeting that the resolutions were against shareholders' interests and represented "a retrograde step" in corporate governance.

But the resolutions, to cut the minimum number of non-ex-. 13-man board, seven of whom ecutives required on the board. are non-executives, was clearly from five to three and to allow embarrassed by the very public a 75 per cent board majority to and personal nature of the deremove directors without hav- bate, but it denied there would ing to go to investors, were eventually carried by 82 per cent of votes cast at the meeting. A 75 per cent majority was needed.

ter a show of hands initially blocked the changes. All told,

favour of the proposals.

Apart from the two dissident non-executives, former Emap chairman Sir Frank Rogers also opposed the changes. They were joined by Anne Simpson of Pirc, the corporate governance consultancy, who said some of the institutional investors holding up to 12 per cent of Emap that she advised would

also vote against the motion. Mr Simmonds, a professor of marketing and international business at LBS, said the proposais meant non-executive directors could be removed without reference to shareholders, "Replacements would almost certainly be of the same "This gives less protection to shareholders should an entrenched board fail to per-

At present all of Emap's directors have to vote in favour of removing a non-executive from the board.

Emap, which currently has a be any recriminations after the vote. "Non-executives are not about to be fired," a spokesman

the Association of British Insurers that the changes amountvotes speaking for only a third ed to nothing more than of Emap's equity voted in bringing Emap into line with hest practice.

Sir John Hoskyns, Emap's non-executive chairman, told shareholders the changes to articles of association regarding non-executive board members brought the company into line with other large UK companies, However, Pire's Ms Simpson But Professor Simmonds otherwise the chairman's stal including Barclays, Lloyds rejected Sir John's arguments claimed investors had been ment would be misleading."







Spencer and the Prudential. "If your company is wrong about these proposals then so are the others," he claimed. The quality of non-executive directors is more important than their quantity."

However, Pirc's Ms Simpson'

Bank, Granada, Marks & about corporate governance: kept in the dark. "Shareholders Spencer and the Prudential." "Common practice does not have not had a good clear picmean best practice," she argued. The changes to Emap's arti-

cles were drawn up by Sir John, who also chairs the Burton retail group, and chief executive Robin Miller.

But Professor Simmonds

David Arculus, managing director, and Joe Cooke, a non-executive director and one of two rebels have not had a good clear picture of what is involved. There

Sir John denied he was involved in what he caricatured as "a sinister plot to sack half the was no canvassing of opinions, board and instal a new chairthe board rejected a minority He added: "We have got to letter being sent out and our ob-

below their present 5.75 per cent

Jonathan Loynes, economist

at HSBC Markets, said: "With

vey by the British Chambers of

Commerce, showing that man-

ufacturing industry may be on

the road to recovery.

level at least once more.

be careful in this politically correct field of corporate gov-

Record level of complaints at **British Gas**

JOHN WILLCOCK

Complaints to the Gas Consumers Council about British Gas rose by 39 per cent to a record 25.133 for the half year to June, almost three times the level in the same period of 1993.

The ever-increasing tide of complaints has prompted British Gas Trading to start new talks with the Consumers Council in order to provide "better service to people whom British Gas serves and the Council represents".

The rate of change in complaints about BGT rose from plus 11 per cent in January 1996 to plus 127 per cent in May 1996. This slowed in June to plus 101 per cent, but still represents more than double the June 1995 figure.

the Council and BGT said the aim was to enable British Gas "more accurately to diagnose the cause of complaints and to find solutions".

The unprecedented number of complaints were also causing bottlenecks for the Gas Consumer Council, and in BGT's own complaints procedure.

11 regional offices by 40 per cent during June 1996. It did this, by backlogs.

GCS, said: "During its restruc-turing, British Gas has not pany's call-handling capacity. maintained the high standards it once achieved. But British Gas directors have assured the

committed to getting things back on track. We are looking forward to

seeing results." The higgest source of consumer concern has been British Gas Trading, which supplies all but 55,000 of the country's 19 million domestic customers, according to the joint statement.

Complaints against BGT have soared by 65 per cent during this year although the proportion of gas customers affected is less than 1 per cent. By contrast, complaints about British Gas Service have risen by only 4 per cent, reflecting improvements made after a difficult year in 1995, says the statement,

Mike Alexander, manag director of BGT commented: "I am very concerned when customers do not receive the service they rightly expect. The speed of change necessary to get ready for the competition has included the introduction of one of the world's largest billing systems in just 18 months."

Mr Alexander continued: "Getting standards back to where they were is our number one priority. Delivering excellent service and value for mon-In response, the Council was ey is the only way to maintain r markei

The managing director said that BGT had launched several disconnecting phone lines for initiatives to achieve this, switchboards, to enable staff to including extra customer opercatch up with correspondence ations staff, opening a new customer service office, investing an Ian Powe, director of the extra fom in computer systems

Mr Alexander accepted that it would take time for these actions to feed through into low-Comment, page 21 Council they really are er complaints figures.

Money supply growth points to consumer boom

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The UK economy looks set for a consumer spending boom as figures from the Bank of England yesterday showed M4 money supply grew by 10 per cent in the year to June, while lending by banks and building societies also increased last month.

The Bank said that seasonally

adjusted M4-a broad measure that includes notes and coins in circulation, plus personal and leank deposits - grew 0.7 per cent June, slightly below the May figure of 0.8 per cent.

Separately, a survey by the British Bankers' Association showed the total lent by big British banks to the private sector rose by £3.37bn in June. The BBA also reported another rise of £256m in consumer credit in the same month.

Net mortgage lending by huilding societies reached £977m last month, down from £1.1bn in May but 12 per cent up on the same period last year. New loan approvals - which feed through into actual loans after a lag of ahout six weeks -

Adrian Coles, director general at the BSA, said: "Strength in the consumer side of the general economy coupled with stronger house prices are all likely to help

to increase confidence."

City economists said the figures pointed to a substantial

make it more difficult for the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, to justify another pre-election cut in interest rates. David Gasparro, UK economist at Schroders, said: "The recent money supply data are slightly worrying in terms of the shift towards lendpick-up in consumer spending in the months ahead and would from lending to companies."

eriment's monitoring range of 3 to 9 per cent. Strong money supply growth is often seen as a warning signal pointing to future inflation. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said on Tuesday that in-

The expected annual M4 terest rates might have to in-growth rate was unchanged at 10 per cent and outside the Gov-unchecked. However, a Treasury official said: "M4 growth seems to have stabilised during the secder 9 per cent."

jections were only included

when it was pointed out that

otherwise the chairman's state-

activity in industry still weak and ond quarter, which is consistent the inflation picture improving with annual growth of just unrapidly, Mr Clarke is unlikely to be deterred by M4 alone."
Backing for Mr George came. Most City economists expect indirectly, from a quarterly sur-

Mr Clarke to cut interest rates

Factory sales, new orders and confidence all increased significantly in the last three months, the BCC found in its survey of more than 8,000 companies. Service sector growth held steady at a relatively high level.

It showed the proportion of firms reporting higher sales in the UK market, minus those reporting declining sales, rose to 19 per cent from 8 per cent. The BCC suggested this weakened the case for further interest

rate cuts. Ian Peters, deputy director general, urged Mr Clarke to follow stable fiscal and monetary policies and not to let the election cloud his judgement.





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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Greenspan warning on rates boosts shares

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

A warning yesterday by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, that interest rates might have to be raised to contain inflation led to a rally in world bond and stock markets.

Analysts said the apparently perverse reaction was because the tone of Mr Greenspan's comments, in his twice-yearly Humphrey Hawkins testimony to Congress, suggested market expectations of an immediate rise in rates were too pessimistic.

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dollar fell but the Dow-Jones in-dex was up around 70 points to might be turning, with the first rate rise since Fehruary 1995, 5,444 and US bonds and British gilts were buoyant. In London, shares closed 35.2 higher at 3,693.4 on the FT-SE

100 index. The prospect of a rising trend in interest rates was one of the in the not too distant future. reasons behind the sharp self-off in US markets earlier this week. Analysts added that investors

the meeting, and the rally re-flected unwinding of their posi-Mr Greenspan's indication that the US interest rate cycle

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might have gone short ahead of

came a day after it emerged that Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, opposed last month's cut in sterling interest rates and that he also expects the UK interest rate cycle to turn up

In his warning of a possible rate rise, Mr Greenspan said that for some time Federal Reserve policy had been "designed to act pre-emptively" and he was "con-fident that the Federal Open Market Committee would move to tighten reserve market conditions should the weight of incoming evidence persuasively suggest an oncoming intensification of inflation pressures that would jeopardise the durability of the economic expansion". The testimony included a carefully balanced assessment of

the risks of a re-emergence of in-

flation which said that it was bound to happen, but gave no clear indication of timing.

Mr Greenspan said: "Clearly,

in this environment, the Federai Reserve has had to become especially vigilant to incipient inflation pressures that could ultimately threaten the health of the expansion."

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Investors half-hearted on Biotech rights issue

MAGNUS GRIMOND

More than half of British Biotech's shareholders shunned the company's £143m rights issue, thought to be the largest cash raising hy any biotechnology company ever, but this failed to dampen enthusiasm for the sector vesterday.

Its own shares jumped by 180p to £21.43, well clear of the £20,50 rights price, and there were gains across the board as relief at the lifting of uncertainty surrounding the issue mingled with a flood of good news from other biotechnology companies. Cantab Pharmaceuticals saw

its shares climb 68p to 663p as it announced a collaboration worth up to £24m with Smith-Kline Beecham to develop a vaccine for genital warts. ML Laboratorics' shares were also strong, rising 17p to 361p, after becoming one of the few biotechnology groups to de-

Only 49 per cent of British Biotech's offering, 3.55 million new shares, was taken up by shareholders. The halance was allocated to sub-underwriters. Kleinwort Benson, manager of the issue, said "a small number" had asked to have their shares placed with the rest of the underwriting pool.

Most of the sub-underwriting was done by existing share-holders, of which the largest before the issue were Morgan Grenfell with 10.6 per ceot. funds managed by Mercury Asset Management, which recently dipped below 10 per cent, and the likes of Guardian Royal Exchange, National Provident Institution and Royal Insurance, with between 3.5 per cent and I ner cent

cent and 4 per cent. There were widely differing views about the success of the issue yesterday. Peter Button of Kleinwort Benson said: "Basically I think 49 per cent was a good result, bearing in mind the sentiment which was created over the last week or so." He dismissed talk that the rump of both companies. Under the

the price, pointing to yesterday's group will receive £7m down stock market movements as and up to £17m more if certain showing the stock now had a "demonstrable floor".

John Savin, an analyst with Greig Middleton, reiterated his view that the shares would have a "fair value" of over £50 by the end of the year. But he forecast that there would be turbulence over the next few days as the after-effects of the rights are

Other analysts, however, con-tinue to view British Biotech, under the chief executive Keith McCullagh, as overvalued and suggested that the rights could now overhang the share price. One said: "It is probably quite healthy we have seen this correction. I don't think we will see a slide in the sector, but it will need some more news to get the share prices moving again."

Even so, most observers said

Cantab's deal with SmithKline for its TA-GW vaccine for genital warts would be good for the rights would now overhang agreement, the biotechnology

development targets are met. SmithKline will have exclusive worldwide development, manufacturing and marketing rights to TA-GW products and will also pay undisclosed royalties. ML Laboratories, meanwhile,

said it had made a pre-tax prof-it of £83,100 in the six months to March, compared with a loss of £1.4m in the comparable period of last year. It is only the second profit in the group's history.

The figures were boosted by turnover, which soared from £617,000 to £2.84m, and interest income, raised from £202,000 to £315,000. Stuart Sim, deputy chief executive, said the group's cash pile had grown to over £30m since Jan-uary's £25m cash raising as a result the first instalments of recent licensing agreements being received.

Mr Sim predicted that the group would be profitable for the full year as access and licence fees built up.



In the clear: British Biotech chief executive Keith McCullagh saw shares jump 180p

Imro offers deal to firms that admit mis-selling

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lmro, the fund managers' watchdog, is offering to deal more leniently with members who were guilty of mis-selling personal pensions, as long as they admit the offence.

The regulator has told some of the 23 firms under investigation for widespread mis-sell-ing that a guilty plea would lead would be to go through normal

to less publicity being given to

In a paper seen by the Independent, instead of an announcement heing made specifically about the individual firm, Imro says it would wait until several companies admit their guilt before publishing their names at the same time.

procedures, including a hearing before a disciplinary tribunal: "However, in such circumstances, Imro would make no concessions concerning the timing of publication of the results of the tribunal hearing."

The document is being given to Imro members at meetings to discuss the investigations into more than 60,000 pension transfers carried out by their

financial advice arms. Firms are told they can also choose to defer the date of any eventual penalty to give themselves time to put their house in order.

Îmro's new stance flies against previous statements made by financial regulators. that negative publicity is a more effective punishment and a deterrent against potential wrong-

However, some experts claimed yesterday that Imro's stance is also based on the fact that it is finding it difficult to prove some of its members

One source close to the negotiations between the watchdog and companies under investigation, said: "The investigations over pensions mis-selling appear to have stalled.

He added: "The message appears to be if that you plead guilty, even where you don't necessarily believe you were. Imro will go easier on you than if you decide to go through the full procedure.

"This also appears to be motivated by political considerations. Imro appears to be determined to make an impact as an organisation that can

crack down hard on those guilty of mis-selling. But to do that you need to secure a few convic-tions. This is aimed at achieving them.'

Imro said yesterday that it could not comment on the leaked document but that its determination to clamp down on rule breaches, including misselling pension pensions, was

TBI buys **Belfast** airport

MAGNUS GRIMOND

TBI, the property group which owns Cardiff Airport, vesterday announced it was adding Belfast International Airport to its portfolio in a £100m deal. The shares and cash acquisition will be part financed through a £19.6m vendor placing of TBI's shares at 70p. The shares added 1p to 73.5p vesterday.

The acquisition follows the blocking of plans by Belfast International to buy its rival. Belfast City Airport, earlier this year after an investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission. Keith Brooks. TBI's chief executive, said he was unconcerned by the new ontbreak of unrest in the province. "We have never programmed in any peace dividend. Over the past 10 years, passenger numbers have grown by 80 per cent regardless of whether there has been an outbreak of troubles."

Belfast International Airpart is said to be one of the largest regional airports in the UK handling 2.4 million passengers in the year to March. One of the attractions of the deal is the development potential of the airport's 200 acre site.

Management and employees who backed the buy-out of the company from the Gov-ernment in 1994 will share in the £72.4m being paid for the share capital, of which £37.3m will be satisfied in cash and the remainder through the issue of TBI shares. Underlying operating profits grew from £5.3m to £8.2m in the year to March. Separately, TBI announced that its profits had soared from £4.13m to £10.1m in the same period. Cardiff Airport saw its profits rise from £3.2m to £5.2m.

Allied Carpets set to roll out successful float

It looks like a hat trick of successful stock market flotations for the larger specialist furnishings groups.

First there was Sir Phil Harris with Carpetright, then along came Sir Graham Kirkham and DFS Furniture and oow, all going well, there is Allied Carpets. No doubt Allied's managing director, plain old Ray Nethercott, has left a date in his diary for an appointment with Her Majesty. He should he able to afford a decent too hat and tails as the flotation makes him a millionaire three times over even after a last-

minute scaling back of expectations. Yesterday Allied bowed to recent stock market turbulence by announcing a flota-tion price of 215p, valuing the group at just over £189m. That's at the lower end of 205p-235p range set out in the prospectus but given choppy market conditions Allied and its advisers must be pleased with their efforts.

True, the response to the intermediaries retail offer was disappointing, with only 11.9 per cent of the shares taken up. In addition, superstore Asda is selling its entire 41 per cent holding to raise £65m.

But significantly, CinVen, the venture

capitalist group that organised the 1991 buyout from Lowndes Queensway, is only cutting its stake from 13.2 per cent to 10 per cent, instead of the 5 per ceot indicated in the offer document.

CinVen and the institutional investors who signed up may be on to something. At the offer price, Allied stands on a prospective p/e multiple of 13 times, substantially below the high-teens rating Carpetright commands. The lack of a track record helps explain the discount but there are plenty of reasons to believe that gap will narrow.

While Allied's operating margin of 6.3 per cent is half that of Carpetright, that reflects a different sales mix and market positioning plus the two companies' different stages of development.

Allied has 12 per cent of the carpet market, just ahead of Carpetright. It should be able to pinch market share from the independents, who still control 58 per cent of the market, with a target store-opening programme of 20 a year, mainly the flagship Allied chain. Like the independents, Allied is targeting the mid-upper end of the market while Carpetright has so far focused on the price-driven lower end of the market. Allied is also operationally geared to higher sales with a very modern and effi-cient warehousing operation in Bolton.

Five-Year record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Retail formats %

of carpet sales

Earnings per share (pence)

*74 Weeks to 2 July ""Year to 1 July ""URS torecast

Dividends per share (pence)

compared with 3.2 per cent at Carpetright. Finelist has a good record of integrating The market is also set to grow as the ours- and improving acquisitions. ber of housing transactions increases.

pound growth of at least could hit 300p by next summer. This one looks priced to go.

Motor parts deal makes good sense

The acquisition of Motor World by Finelist, a 75-for-73 share swap, seems to make such abundant sense that yesterday's 7p drop in the purchaser's share price to 285p seems a harsh assessment. It is, however, a large buy by Finelist's standards so some ner-

vousness is perhaps understandable. In essence, the deal is a piece of vertical integration, putting Motor World's 328 retail motor-parts outlets together with Finelist's 208 existing distribution sites. Combining the two should provide pur-chasing efficiencies, better relationships with suppliers, a wider customer base, cost savings and a better use of the group's infrastructure. It is expected to be earn-ings enhancing in the first year.

The deal makes sense on a purely arithmetical basis, with immediate savings worth maybe £500,000 together with Motor World's profits inflating forecasts for Finelist for the year to next June from about £9.7m to £14m. Earnings per share in this first year should be slightly enhanced

from 19.6p to 19.9p.

Next year the benefits really start to flow with existing forecasts of about £10.5m being bumped up yesterday to maybe £17.5m and eps of 21.3p expanding to 23.5p. The important point, however, is that these figures assume very little benefit from what, given Finelist's recent record, will be a con-certed assault on margins at Motor World.

With an underlying return on sales of perhaps only between 5 and 6 per cent there is plainly plenty to go for before Mo-Each additional 1 per cent on sales adds tor World's margins approach Finelist's almost 6 per cent to earnings per share basic return of nearer 10 or 11 per cent.

Return on capital employed %

14.6

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16.5

11.5

ALLIED CARPETS: AT A GLANCE

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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The combined group will become a sub-Some analysts have pencilled in com- stantial player in the hugely fragmented the next three years and think the shares £4bn a year. Most retailers are single site operations, with little information techpology back-up and clearly a sizeable group

with efficient systems is in a good position to progressively take market share. At a premium of 36 per cent to Motor World's share price before the recommended deal was announced, that company's shareholders can feel happy that they are being given a reasonable exit from

a relatively uninspiring investment over the past few years.

For Finelist shareholders, on a prospective p/e of 13 this year, with good growth to come, the shares look good value.

Atkins builds on traditional design

WS Atkins is thumbing its nose at the cur-rent turmoil in the new issues market. Undaunted by signs of indigestion amongst institutional investors, the market debut of the engineering to facilities management consultancy group has been priced at the upper end of expectations. Yesterday's placing at 215p puts a historic multiple of close to 17 times on the shares, more than a full point above the rating on the FT All-share. But advisers say the issue went down well with institutions at marketing presentations, an assertion which seems to have been borne out by the placing's oneand-a-half times oversubscription.

Certainly the past trading performance can hardly be faulted. Pre-tax profits have expanded relentlessly from £7.08m in 1992 to £19.8m in the year to March. This impressive growth in the face of one of the worst construction recessions since the war has been heavily influenced by acquisitions, although earnings per share have also grown from 4.9p to 12.8p over the five years.

Atkins has purchased businesses to diversify out of its traditional business in civil and structural engineering design. Acquisitions have included the Property Services Agency building management operation, a tunnelling consultant in Hong Kong, railway engineering consultants and Faithful & Gould, a quantity surveyor and

cost engineering consultancy, picked up earlier this year for £21.1m. New businesses, along with substantial property management and highway engineering cootracts for various local authorines, mean that so-called support services represent 22 per cent of underlying operating profits. Ironically, though, it is the traditional business which has seen all the growth recently. Profits from the core division soured from £3.88m to £9.92m last year as final payments came through on massive construction and engineering projects like the multi-billion pound Al Yamamah defeoce contract and the 1,000-ft high Chicago Beach resort, both in the Middle East.

The risks, political and otherwise, are also currently concentrated in the new businesses. Profits could top £25m this year, cutting the multiple to nearer 13. Not to be chased in the current state of the market.

Pigeon war hots up as RSCPA homes in with possible charges

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

The pigeon row is notting up. For those new to the scandal, Scottish Life International sent 77 homing pigeons to financial journalists on Wednesday morning as a

product lauoch. A significant number of ournalists, however, failed to see the furmy side and complained to the RSPCA about the hirds, which had been couriered around to

offices in cardboard boxes. Although 77 birds were sent out, four failed to return to Scottish Life - they were impounded by the RSPCA, which is considering legal ac-tion under the 1911 Cruelty

to Animals in Transit Act. Clarendon, the PR outfit behind the stunt, said: "We are absolutely furious with the RSPCA. They bave manipulated this for themselves without investigating the facts of pigeon racing."

A Clarendon spokesman said that pigeons had been used to carry messages for 300 years, and racing pigeons were quite accustomed to being transported in boxes. He admitted, however, that the agency should have warned the journalists about the impending arrival of the birds

beforehand. The RSPCA re-calls that there has been another example of live animals being sent to people as a stunt. In 1988, video shops received packets of film called The Serpent.

Snakes, indeed. At least pigeons only make a mess on the carnet.

Sir Colin Marshall of British Airways did not get quite the reception he hoped for yesterday at BT's agm in Newcastle, as he sat on the podium for the first time as non-executive director and

deputy chairman. One of the first questions to be asked by a shareholder was what the board thought about the allegations of dirty tricks by BT against cable companies. The claim is that BT has been phoning people who have switched to cable, and trying to win them back, even when the customers are

ex-directory.

The shareholder then remarked that she had spoken against the appointment of Sir Colin at last year's agm. because she "could see Ibis kind of thing would happen". Nobody needed to be re-

How do you change from being a sbare tipper on a tip sheet to being a fully paid-up City hroker's analyst? Just ask Jon Levinson, who has joined independent brokers Teather & Greenwood after six years editing and writing Penny Share Focus for a company called Chartsearch.

Mr Levinson will be analysing small companies and AIM stocks, starting with Teather & Greenwood's own dozen or so AIM clients. He says he is glad to be joining just as the firm is moving from its ageing City offices off London Wall to spanking new premises next to Broadgate.

So did Mr Levinson tip any reat winners nn Penny Share

Focus? "I had a good track record - to tell you the truth, I'm not really focused on that at the moment," he replies. OK then, any tips for today? "Its a bit too soon really. I started

Remarkable. A tipper who refuses to tip. Perhaps AIM really has gone flat.

COMPANY RESULTS										
	ThroverE	Pre-tax £	EP8	Dividend						
Alla Group (F)	57 3m (32.5m)	3.92m (0.03m)	30.3p (-0.2p)	5.5p (4.5p)						
Ethief (F)	6.34m (4.90m)	0.25m (-0.07m)	2.8p (-0.5p)	0.6p (nft)						
Graenwich Reserves (I)	- 1-)	2.19m (-0.13m)	1.7p (-0.1p)	nii (-)						
Hi-Tec Sports (1)	92.9m (132m)	2.0m (-12 5m)	2.5p (-26.8p)	nii (6ii)						
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Jones Strong Hidgs (F)	81.2m (72.9m)	6.59m (6.82m)	26.480 (26.940)	10 Sp (10p)						
ML Laboratories (I)	2.83m (0.62m)	0.08m (-1.40m)	0.060 (-1p)	nii (-)						
Motor World (I)	30.9m (24.9m)	2.15m (1.90m)	9p (9 3p)	3p (2.8p)						
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Tribast (F)	46.0m (40.6m)	5 6m (4.2m)	23.42p (47 14p)	8.7p (7p)						
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For the birds: They have carried messages for 300 years ing row with Virgin over

Richard Branson's own allegations of dirty tricks. Sir Colin sat through the exchange stony-faced. Had he really gone all the way up to Newcastle to hear this?

To the Emap agm off Fleet Street for the vital vote. Chief executive Robin Miller and his colleagues are trying to cut the minimum number of non-executive directors on the board at any one time from five to three.

Non-executive chairman Sir John Hoskyns, of Burton fame, rises to support the motion, and mentions that

two of the board's 13 directors are unable to attend. one executive and one non. Apparently one of the directors is sunning himself oo a

Mediterranean beach. Then up gets Joe Cooke, Telegraph Group vice-chairman and one of the Emap board's dissident noo-execs. He tells shareholders nonexecs are "very busy people" so you need a lot of them on the board to ensure a good turn-out at each meeting. Just look at today - two di-rectors missing. Touche.

Despite this rapier-like intervention, the board wins oo

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L have won the vote but it is less obvious that it has won the argument. Moreover, yesterday's annual meeling which saw director pitted against director on corporate governance issues, has created the impression, unfairly or otherwise, that the chairman Sir John Hoskyns and his fellow directors were out

to weaken shareholder interests under the guise of an innocent housekeeping exercise.

Even the vote itself was not that overwhelming. In order to change its articles of association allowing the board to reduce the number of non-executive directors and remove a director on a 75 per cent vote, Emap needed the support of three-quarters of those who turned up to vote. In the event it got 82 per cent but that still only represented a third of all those shareholders reg-

istered to vote.

Looking at the resolutions it is easy to see why two of the non-executives, Joe Cooke why two of the non-executives, felt unable and Professor Ken Simmonds, felt unable to support the rest of the board. Emap could, in theory, reduce its board, which presently consists of six execs and seven nonexces, down to just three or have only one

oon-executive on the board. Emap insists that nobody is about to he sacked and that the purpose of the changes was emphatically not designed to weaken the position of the non-execs and, by extension, shareholders. Merely a tidying up exercise old boy to bring us into line with a host of other Footsie companies.

But there is no doubt that the balance of | in possibly the most volatile day yet on a | Hat Pin and drugs minnow Alizyme both power has shifted. Hitherto, Emap could stock market. power has shifted. Hitherto, Emap could only remove an executive director if he was in breach of his employee contract, while a non-exec could only be turfed out through an ordinary resolution put to an annual

shareholders' meeting.

Sir John argued yesterday that the balance has shifted for the good since the ahility to throw out a fellow director on a 75 per ceot vote makes it harder for a single director or a small number to dominate the rest of the board or conspire against shareholder interests.

Emap also insists that it has no intention of using the 75 per cent rule to get rid of independent non-exces and stuff the board with time-servers. This may well be the case. But the board must now be judged by its hehaviour, which, following yesterday's events, has been given considerably wider

Bungee-jump could be the start of a slide

The excitement on Wall Street earlier this L week was good news for the headline writers. If the Dow's wild gyrations nn Tues-day are remembered for nothing else they did at least add a new phrase to the lexicon of the dealing rooms, the huogee-jump crash, to describe the speed with which frenzied buying took over from frenzied selling

The balance of power has shifted at Emap

Not surprisingly attention focused on whether the market's rollercoaster ride was the prelude to a crash on the scale uf 1987 or even 1929. The reality is probably more prosaic - while a major crash over the pond would see the supposedly decoupled Anglo-Saxon markets recoupling with indeceol haste, what London is more likely to be embarking on is a sizeable correction of the kind that in a quiet way knocked 20 per ceot off the value of the All Share in the first half of 1994.

It was an unremarkable slide, but the fall in the All Share from 1764 to 1445 between February and June 1994 dealt a heavy blow to fully invested investors in what should have been a year of recovery. Many of the features of that market look horribly famil-

iar today.

Most noticeable is the sudden way in which the new issues market has fallen out of bed in the past couple of weeks. No ooc will readily admit to pulling a float because of market conditions, but there are more than a handful of expected issues that have just not appeared. For those that are taking the plunge, the waters are proving chillier than their advisers might have hoped.

Allied Carpets priced itself at the bottom end of expectations yesterday while a hrace of AIM hopefuls have found that shares can indeed go down as well as up. Headhuoter

ing more than 10 per cent yesterday, on a par with the disastrous British Energy flotation.

Alizyme is just the sort of company you would expect to do badly in jittery markets. Founded only last year, available forecasts show a small loss last year growing to a hig-ger one this time and doubling again next year. Its search for obesity and gastrointestinal drugs will use up the £5m it is rais-

ing from investors within two years.

The market fatigue that was inevitable after the rush of new entrants in recent weeks is a rerun of the slump in loterest in March and April 1994 that left a raft of property and construction companies high and dry. If the pattern repeats uself, then the 5 per cent fall to the All Share since April is just the beginning.

BT is running out of time in Oftel battle

The stand-off between BT and Oftel is go-ing right down to the wire. Despite the protestations from BT's shareholders in Newcastle yesterday, Doo Cruickshank is not for turning. The director general of telecom-munications last night delivered his final, final, final proposals on price controls and anti-competitive behaviour to BT, hluntly stating that they are "indivisibly linked".

receives a response by 2 August, BT will be considered to have rejected the proposals and will be packed off to the Monopolics

and Mergers Commission. Although BT does not, therefore, need to reply our Tuesday when it holds its crunch board meeting, it is fast running out

of time. It may yet come down to factics.
One option for BT is to freeze the count
down by seeking a judicial review of Ofiel's
right to link the price formula and anti-compatitive property. In the magnificent to petitive powers. In the meantime the Government might then come to the rescue by promising legislation which will give BT a right of appeal against any Oftel ruling, thus

allowing it to accept the package.

The danger is that unless BT has its ducks in a row inside the next two weeks, it will not be able to escape the clutches of the MMC.

On balance, its best course of action would still be to accept the Oftel proposals as they stand and hope for legislative amendments in due course. The oew price formula reduces the proportion of BT's income that is regulated from 64 per cent to 26 per cent. It is also the last set of retail

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BT cannot guarantee getting a better deal out of the MMC, either on prices or anticompetitive behaviour, while the distraction of a six to nine month inquiry is surely something that its management would prefer to

HK legislator in fraud charges

Wheo he was elected to the Hong Kong legislature as the representative of stockbrokers and other financial sector employees, Chim Pui-chuog promptly rushed out to buy a gold Rolls-Royce.

Already well-known as a stock market wheeler-dealer Mr Chim became known as a defender of indefensible market practices. Yesterday he was set for another defence as he found himself in court facing three forgery charges and was only released on bail after forwarding HK\$40m (£3.4m) in cash and sureties.

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In typically robust style, Mr Chim emerged from court to say he saw no reasoo why he oceded to resign from the legislature. He has yet to enter a plea about the charges, which arise from extensive investigations by the watchdog Securities and Futures Commission and the Commercial Crimes Bureau.

The charges involve the creation and use of false in-

Chim Pui-chung, known as a defender of dubious market practices, is on £3.4m bail accused of forgery, reports **Stephen Vines** in Hong Kong

ported transfer of shares from two companies allegedly coo-trolled by Mr Chim, the subsequent transfer of shares from the bogus purchasers to a company and a conspiracy charge of defrauding the SFC to avoid compliance with the takeover code.

Mr Chim ofteo believes that attack is the best form of defence. On Tuesday he was in the High Court with a libel writ seeking a breathtaking HK\$50bo (£4.2bo) in damages from five past and present SFC directors.

The stock market watchdog had earlier sought the winding up of Mandarin Resources, a company cootrolled by Mr Chim, on grounds that he allegedly breached his fiduciary duties, misused company assets, strumeots to effect the pur- violated regulations and

"unfairly prejudiced, if not campaigned on a platform of defrauded" minority share-granting an amnesty to "rat

The accusations to the Mandarin case relate to alleged fraudulent property dealings involving Mr Chim's Lucky Man Properties, which are also the subject of the police fraud

When Mr Chim is oot the centre of controversy for his own activities - recently including a long liquid lunch at the legislature which, according to some reports, left him zig-zag-ging out of the council chamber -he is busy defending others ac-

cused of wrongdoing.
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electioo system, certain occupational groups, such as stockbrokers, are entitled to elect a representative to the legislature. In the last election Mr Chim due, Mr Chim promptly set take the vow of sileoce.

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man. When he was first elected to the legislature he boasted that he owned properties in granting an amnesty to "rat traders", that is brokers who Hong Kong worth HK\$600m-HK700m, alongside some HK\$200m invested in Chinese unlawfully beoefit from the delayed execution of cusproperties, a total of some tomers' orders so that they

about making the compensa-tion issue a focus of his leg-

Some of this wealth was acquired by acting as a stock-broker for George Tan, the head of the collapsed Carrian group who is involved in Hong It says something about the state of morality among the brokers that this platform Kong's longest-running trial on criminal charges arising When insurance company employees, who are also mem-bers of his constituency, failed from the collapse.

Mr Chim has added a dash of considerable colour to the generally grey world of Hong Koog politics and stockbroking his removal from the scene would be a big blow to the colony's cartoonists and talk show hosts.

Lucky Man properties and he However, while free on bail failed to obtain the kind of compensation he believed was Mr Chim is unlikely to suddenly



'No need to resign': Colourful Hong Kong businessman Chim Pui-chung emerging from court yesterday after the first day of his trial in the colony on fraud charges

Equitas selects managers to look after £7bn

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

In one of the largest fund management deals in British history, Equitas, the vehicle for the rescue of the Lloyd's insurance market, yesterday appointed ome managers to look after more than £7bn of assets.

Each will have hetweeo £500m and £1hn to look after, once the £3.260 rescue plan for Lloyd's has been approved by the market's members oext month,

The money is part of the £14.7bn of assets Equitas is taking over in its role as insurer of the losses of Lloyd'a syndicates for the years up to 1992. The asmets are being put into Equitas to pay claims against Lloyd's, at the same time insulating mem-

bers from past losses.
In the UK, the winning managers are BZW investment Managers agement, PDFM, Prudential Portfolio Managers and Mercury Asset Management, which was appointed by Equitas in May as the manager handling the transfer of the funds to Equitas. In the US, where a majority

of the claims against Equitas will come from, the managers are Black Rock Financial Management, Scudder Stevens & Clark, Wellingtoo Management Com-pany and Zurich Investment Management RT Capital Man-agement will handle Equitas in-

vestments in Canada. More than half the funds, which are all fixed-interest, will be managed in the US. The intention is to allocate them to different countries in proportion to the likely claims against Equitas.

Equitas plans to stick to fixed-income investments at the outset, but Jane Barker, fi-nance director, said the company might at some stage invest part of its assets in equities. Equitas will not have the full

£14.7bo on its balance sheet to invest, partly because more than £4ho is in the form of reinsurance recoveries rather than cash.

Some claims have also been paid since the end-1995 balance sheet date at which the £14.7bn was calculated, and more are likely to be settled by the time the funds are transferred to the nine managers.

 Nationwide Building Society narrowly staved off a bid by dissident members at its agm to cut the salaries paid to its senior executives. A proposal by long-standing rebel member Ben Jacobs to set up a committee to "review" boardroom salaries was
defeated by 156,988 votes to 138,696, including postal votes. Brian Davis, Nationwide chief executive, whose total pay package
stands at £400,000, said he was pleased that despite the populist
oature of the resolution it was still defeated. He added that he
personally waived £45,000 of his pay package last year.

• Legal & General Group's world-wide new life, pensions and investment business in the first half of 1996 climbed from £133.3m to £185.6m, and was interpreted by analysis as further evidence that the UK life sector was set for a sustained recovery. Earlier this week Prudential, the UK's largest life assurance group, re-ported that new business soared 27 per cent to £623m, and Sun Life announced a 19 per ceot boost to £144m.

• The Securities and Futures Anthority has expelled John Odell from stock broking for "churning" and other actions relating to his management of a private client's account. He was also ordered to pay £3,000 costs. Branstoo & Gothard, the firm he worked for from his home on a self-employed half-commission basis, has been reprimanded for falling to adequately supervise Mr Odell, fined £10,000 and ordered to pay the SFA's costs of £6,000.

 Monder, owner of the electronic cash system invented by NatWest, is negotiating with Asahi Bank, Sakura Bank and In-dustrial Bank of Japan to form a new Japanese franchise. This emerged as NatWest said the technology has been sold to a oew international company capitalised at £100m and owned by the banks' participating world-wide in the scheme, with Nat West keeping 10 per cent. NatWest will be reimbursed for its development costs.

Railtrack has gained the place in the FT-SE 100 that became available after the merger of Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance.
 Serco will take Railtrack's place in the FT-SE Mid 250 index.

 WS Atkins's directors and many of its 6,000 employees will own shares worth £119m following the engineering to facilities management consultancy's flotation oext week. They will own 60 per cent of group, which will be capitalised at £198m at yesterday's 215p a share placing price.

The Adams Collection sale made £,5.5 million. 4 world records were smashed. Country Life said: "The sound of grinding teeth was audible at Sotheby's and Christie's..."

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Sunshine and strike make for thin trading in London

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Shares continued to recover, with some brave souls even prepared to chase a few of the more enduring takeover

As Alan Greenspan seemingly ruled out any nearterm US move to dearer money, interest rate-sensitive shares, such as builders and retailers, suddenly looked more confident. The FT-SE 100 index jumped 35.2 points to 3.693.4 and even the supporting 250-share measurement managed a little more than a

Trading, however, remained thin with another London Underground strike and the attractions of the summer sunshine combining to reduce stock market numbers and,

therefore, trading.
The rally which has ful-lowed the slide bas failed to carry much conviction. largely because of the uninspiring vol-ume levels which often leave

the market at the mercy of gyrational futures activity. Still, in the more relaxed at-

mosphere some speculators felt it time to give Christies International, the fine art auctioneer, another whirl. There have been hints of possible action this week although they might have been obscured by the market turmoil.

The shares were 5p in the money at 218p with stories resurfacing that Joseph Lewis. the Bahamas-based investor with near-30 per cent, was flexing his investment muscle. The auctioneer has not, it is

felt, produced the sort of returns Mr Lewis expected when he started stake-building. Al-though he could be tempted to bid he is more likely to sell his shares on to a more aggressive party. There are also sugges-tions Christies could be planning to acquire an unquoted company which could dilute the Lewis shareholding.



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sie index. The shares advanced

claimed the vacancy left by the

merger of insurance giants,

Royal Insurance and Sun Al-

Marston Thompson & Ever-

shed, the brewer, fell 2.5p to

282p. The shares were 352p in

May. The fall has accelerated

since Marston splashed out £20m for the Pitcher & Piano

bars chain. Although the Burton-on-Trent group, famed for its Pedigree bitter, needs a

more trendy retail image it

seems to have overpaid for

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Talk of a financial deal was also heard. Mercury Asset Management rose 24p to 920p with Close Brothers, the banker owning Winterflood Securities, up 9p to 331p on suggestions of a link. Medeva, up 5p at 239p, and Wm Mor-rison, 3p higher at 165p, also felt speculative pressure. Utilities were firm, partly on

hopes of corporate activity. Salnman Brothers, the US house, is keen on the water sector; it talks about "buckets of value" with the market over cautious about political and regulatory influences.

Railtrack got up steam for

P&P which is scheduled for expensive expansion. an entirely different reason -British Biotech suffered the inclusion in the blue chip Foot-

uncertainty over, the shares showed an Sp plus to 32p. rallied 180p to 2,143p. The removal of a cash drain also helped other biotechs with Chiroscience 23p healthier at 340p. Cantab Pharmacenticals

vaccine link with Smithkline Beecham lifted the shares 68p to 663p; SmithKline strength-4.5p to 214p as Railtrack ened the deal by buying a 3.15 per cent Cantab stake.

Lasmo flared 7p to 180p after it finally clinched an Algerian production deal; Enterprise, in sympathy, rose 11.5p to 491p. Shell, with ABN Amro Hoare Govert talking of a 1,100p target, put on 17p to 942p. Insurances were helped by

Kleinwort Benson support with Legal & General, which it removed from it sell list, up 14p to 701p. Alizyme, on AIM, felt the biotech draught, off 7p from its 60p placing level. But Life Numbers, a personal tele-phone number business, dialled

rights issue take up. With the share and warrant package

Kwik Save, the discount retailer, shaded 3p to 428p as Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull said the shares were a sell down to 400p.

Lucas Industries motored

5p to 216p; it was removed from a US navy blacklist. General Electric Co gained 9.5p to 374.5p nn a Ministry of Deience arder.

Motor World advanced 65p to 285p on the agreed £48.1m bid from Finelist but Blenheim, the exhibition group, slipped 14p to 429p on the failure of any United News & Media bid to materialise. Innovations, the home shopping group, rose 17p to 212p, awaiting takeover action and Rainford, an electrical equipment group which has admitted a predator lurks. put nn 20p to 315p.

Telemetrix, the electronics

SkyNet, the vehicle security group, gained 20p to 270p af-ter it linked with European

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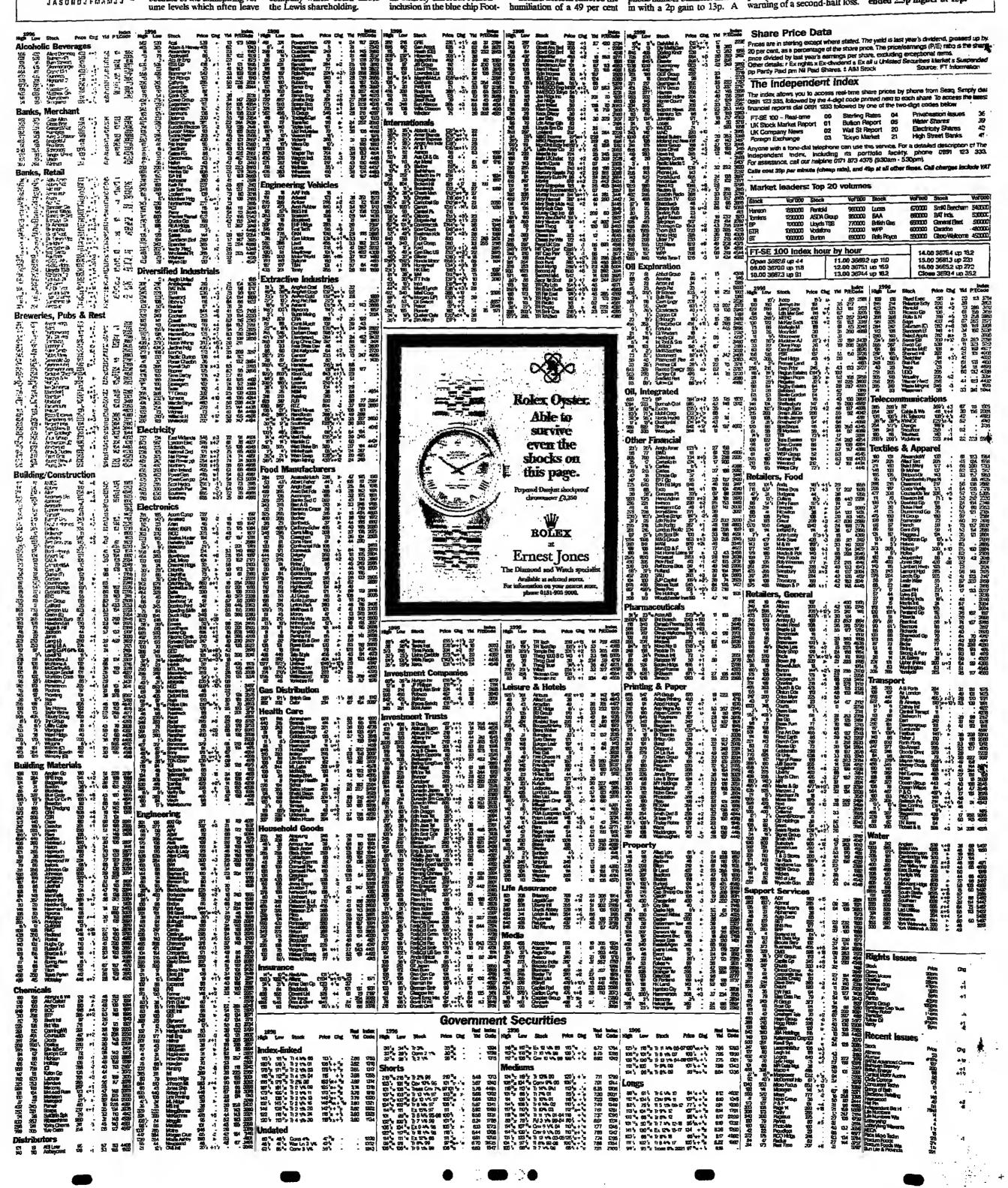
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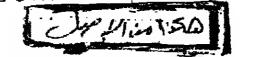
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AIM as part of a £2m cash raising. Shares of the fledgling security group were placed at 27.5p; they arrived on Ofen last month at around 47.5p. closing at 92p on the first day

An odd deal in Queens Moat Houses, the hotel group, left the market guessing. A two-day old trade of 6.75 million shares at 10p

was printed. QMH has been comfortably above 10p since December. After the out-of-line group, fell 18p to 53p after trade was notified the shares warning of a second-half loss. ended 2.5p higher at 15p.





A year after Greenbury, the gravy train still runs

The Greenbury inquiry into top pay was about rewarding high performance in the boardrooms of Britain and avoiding payments for failure. So what does the inquiry's own performance look like, exactly a year after its report was published?

The scorecard shows some resounding successes, some fudged issues, a few serious loopholes – and at least one unwelcome and unexpected side-effect; the much vaunted long-term incentive plans, meant to replace share options, have turned

into another gravy train. This has been highlighted by conroversy over generous long-term awards at United Utilities, the prod-uct of a merger between North West Water and Norweb. Several big shareholders have threatened to vote against the bonus scheme at next

week's annual meeting.

But beyond all these reservations. there are serious questions to be asked about the performance of non-executive directors, whom Greenbury thrust into the front line by giving them the job of determining pay. Despite the widespread excusion of executive directors from Emuneration committees, as a re-sult of the Greenbury report's recommendation, many non-executives still act like poodles of the chief executive. More of this later.

First, the most basic and lasting achievement of the Greenbury report is the requirement for detailed disclosure of every director's pay and benefits, written into the Stock Exchange rulebook and the Companies Act, which is an undeniable breakthrough for shareholders.

The change is not without minor drawbacks in the short term. Disclosure may actually be raising the going rate for directors' pay, since the



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greater the amount of information ing directors seem to have been sim-

There was also an unsatisfactory fudge over pensions disclosure, the result of which is that shareholders must get out their own calculators if

they want to know the exact capital value of directors' pensions. A more serious difficulty, stem-Greenhury report, is the attempt to

circulated, the more there is scope for "me too" demands.

ply ignored. Pay-offs at the top 250 companies in the first six months of this year, at more than £20m in total, almost equal those in the whole of

last year. The most glaring difficulty, though for a different reason, is with Greenbury's recommendation that longterm incentive plans should replace ming from a let-out clause in the share options, which had fallen into disrepute because they rewarded restrict rolling contracts to one year, to prevent large pay-offs on dismissal. directors mainly for a rise in the marto prevent large pay-offs on dismissal.

Many non-executives still act like poodles of the chief executive

case for setting notice or contract periods at, or reducing them to, one year or less ... In some cases notice or contract periods of up to two years

may be acceptable." As an analysis by Pirc, the share-holder consultants, pointed nut this week, the exception has become the rule. Around 60 per cent of companies find special reasons why their directors should have contracts longer than a year, though the worst abuse, the three-year roller, does seem to have nearly disappeared (a trend which was well under way be-

fore the report was published.) Furthermore, the attempt to out-

The report said: "There is a strong term plans should be based on "challenging performance criteria". Though old-fashioned share options are fading in popularity, the new

tong-term plans have caused wide-spread disquiet among shareholders. They are often excessively complex and around half of those published so far do not give enough informa-tion to calculate maximum rewards.

According to New Bridge Street Consultants, the executive pay specialists, annual reports up to the end of March showed that 70 per cent of long-term incentive plans paid out for below median performance and in more than 30 per cent there is Furthermore, the attempt in out-law outrageous pay-offs to depart-performance does not fall into the

mockery of the attempt to make pay performance-related. The widespread assumption last year that long-term performance-related plans would lead to pay restraint also looks, with hindsight, rather naive. Pire calculates the potential re-

wards of long-term plans at up to 400 per cent of basic remuneration. A survey by the Independent found 100 per cent was the typical reward of longand short-term schemes combined, while New Bridge Street said many companies offered between 50 and 100 per cent of salary and one company reached 200 per cent of salary.

Annther trend with a huge gearing effect on carnings is to set longterm bonuses by using a multiplier of short-term bonuses as, for exampic, at Railtrack. Yet another ap-proach likely to be unpopular with institutions was seen when United Utilities raised basic pay sharply at the same time as introducing a longterm scheme, which may also multi-

ply the eventual benefits.
The Greenbury report suggested three years as the minimum for these schemes, if they are to give directors the same interest in long-term company performance as their shareholders. But three years have quickly turned into a maximum, because it has become the performance period at more than 90 per cent of companies, according to Pirc.

But as one of the Greenbury Committee members pointed out this week, a year is a brief period for changing corporate behaviour. After all, the greater disclosure levels now in force do give shareholders the in-formation they need to make their presence felt more effectively. Com-panies are, significantly, obliged by the Stock Exchange — as a result of

lowest 25 per cent. This makes a Greenbury-to put all new long-term schemes to a shareholder vote.

An indisputable achievement of the report is that it has given a push to a slow but significant cultural shift, in which companies have become more aware of what is acceptable to shareholders and public opinion, and institutional shareholders have begun to realise that occasional lobbying behind closed doors may not be an adequate way of carrying out their duties as owners of half of cor-

porate Britain.

On the other hand, the experience of the first year has highlighted one of the difficulties with the currently fashionable doctrine of corporate governance, as devised by the Cadbury report on the conduct of boards, and reinforced by Greenbury. Both of these committees proposed giving an independent role to non-executive directors, who are supposed to oversce their executive collect

The recommendation at the heart of the Greenbury report is that executive remuneration should be de-termined by committees composed entirely of non-executive directors. The vast majority of large public

companies have complied. But is the proposal, which assumes that non-executives will be reason-able and genuinely independent in their assessment of pay, working?

Certainly, the generosity of some of the new long-term incentive schemes, which are no more than disguised pay rises, suggests that in practice many non-executive directors are as compliant as they ever were with the wishes of their executive colleagues. The chief executive may have removed himself from the remuneration committee's meetings, but his influence remains over-

Controversial rewards: Brian Staples, chief executive of United Utilities, which is under attack over its long-term incentive plan

Not all non-executives do what they are told, but most seem to be responsive to suggestion, to say the least. A Coopers & Lybrand survey earlier this year found that the majority of executive directors saw the determination of pay by a remuneration committee as "purely

It said: "In most instances the chief executive will provide the impetus for the committee's work; all companies found this a desirable way to work rather than see the committee func-

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tioning independently from the ex-ecutive directors."

If this is true, the cultural shift that the Greenbury committee hoped for will be delayed until non-executive directors themselves take a much firmer stand on pay. Frank Sanderson, chairman of United Utilities' remuneration committee - who has been a director of the North West Water arm of the group since 1983
- is finding himself under pressure from institutional shareholders to do

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Relieved Boardman now aiming for gold

ROBIN NICHOLL with the Tour de France

The Boardman family were visiting Euro Disney yesterday while dad Chris was thogging through the Tour's final day in the Pyrenees.

Before his 18th Tour day began. Boardman, gaunt from the longest race of his 28 years. was talking determinedly about Olympic gold on 3 August. "There is a reasonable chance I can win the time trial." he said. However, his No 1 priority for



Olympies, was to complete the Tour's 3,900km, and Wednesday's vicious stage into Spain almost produced his knock-out. 'Il'I had not ridden the Tour before it was quite feasible that

I would have been going home now." Boardman said before the Pampiona start of the 154km back into France vesterday.

It was the worst day I have had in my life. In my current physical condition I cannot believe I actually came through it. and I take great pride now that

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"I don't know how I did it, but Today: Stage 19

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that in my life. I was falling back from the main field in the first three kilometres, and there was still 264 more to go.

"I thought it cannot go on like this for eight hours, but you cannot be beaten by the Tour. It becomes a personal thing." On Sunday his wife Sally-

Anne and their four children will be in the Champs Elysees, with Boardman's parents, Keith and Margaret. Chris now feels sure that he too will be there. Yesterday he finished tucked in a group of t14 which included the big names, who took a hard-carned day off.

Pyrenees Bjarne Riis was con-tent to let 14 lesser mortals scrap for the victory and the Dutchman Bart Voskamps took the He outsprinted Christian Henn, one of Riis's German team-mates, after they had given their co-leaders the slip in the final eight kilometres on the coastal road where hotiday-

After settling the Tour in the

watch the race flash past. Jean-Marie Leblane, the Tour director, hraced for Basque separatists to carry out their threats, faced instead a protest by the 27 motor cyclists who carry cameramen and radio reporters during the race. A French photographer's mo-

the season, even above the I don't want another day like tor cycle was allegedly forced off a mountain road by the car driven by the manager of the Kelme team on Wednesday. Neither was seriously hurt, hut the car did not stop. The motor cyclists were demanding that the manager, Alvaro Pino, should be excluded from the race for a day. as is the procedure with others who flout safety rules.

As a protest the motor cyclists rode in convoy throughout vesterday's stage, working a rota to take photographs rather than the usual free-for-all.

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A security guard watches the Tour go through the Basque country yesterday

Yorke's

new deal

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Dwight Yorke, the Aston Villa

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It ended three months of on-

off talks between Little and the

CRICKET: Warwickshire again create something out of nothing after further careless batting from the tourists

Giles and Smith push Pakistan to the brink

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Edgasston Pakistan 297 and 147-8 Warnickshire 310

There are few better sights in cricket than when sun and spin combine as they did here yesterday. As anyone who has recently watched England here will know, it is a rare combination, particularly for WarwickAshley Giles and Neil Smith combined with three wickets apiece to push Pakistan to the brink of defeat, after Mushtaq Ahmed had earlier bowled them back into the game with

a sterling 7 for 91, It was typical Warwickshire, whose knack of creating winning positions out of nothing continues to amaze all but their loval membership, a figure that has now risen to 15,000, the largest

today, the home side will receive £7.500 from Tetley's.

However, hardy and resilient as they undoubtedly are. Warwickshire cannot claim to have engineered Pakistan's collapse from 89 for 1 to 147 for 8, on their own, and the tourists were once again culpable of some appaling batting.

True they had several injured and ill, including Saced Anwar

seen before from the visitors, an able body does not always equate to an able mind and only Ijaz Ahmed and Asif Mujtaba applied themselves as if there

was a Test match five days away. Apart from Anwar, who remains unbeaten on 20, they were the only players to reach donhie figures. Full marks must go to Warwickshire for the way in which they harried and goodtheir star opener, who later ed the opposition into making

shire, whose spin pairing of in the land, And should they win batted at No 8. But as we have mistakes. The influence of Dermot Reeve continues to exert itself even though he is undergoing a hip operation.

If the bowling was no more than steady, the catching and fielding were superb, with Dominic Ostler taking an outstanding catch at slip to get rid of Moin Khan, to go with the more straightforward one he took when Mujtaba carelessly dabbed at Smith.

In a way. Pakistan's poor

batting took the gloss off Mushtag's bowling, which was by far the best performance of the day. The diminutive leg-spinner may not possess the constancy of threat posed by 5hane Warne, but he now comes a clear sec-

Zimbabwe's Paul 5trang. Until recently Mushing was felt to have relied too heavily on his googly, a limitation he claims has been largely over-

ond in a pantheon which in-

chides India's Anil Kumble and

come by playing for Somerset. "I've learnt a lot playing in county cricket. I used to get excited and think I could take a wicket every hall, County crickstriker, has signed a new four-

et taught me to be patient." The 225 wickets in three scasons for the county more or less proves the point, and he now claims to have a full repertoire at his disposal. If so, England's batsmen, unlike their counterparts' present state of mind, will

and then Jon Lewis reduced the

innings from 83 for 3 to 159 all

grim season has been lifted by

two recent one-day wins, were

batting before 4pm and their

trepidation was obvious. After

nine overs they had lost their

David Milins was fast, Alan

Mulially pacy. Monte Lynch, and

later Mark Alleyne, made some

runs by chancing their arms.

So Gloucestershire, whose

out in another 24 overs.

first three wickets.

Cola Cup holders. Yorke, who scored 25 goals last season, has agreed a deal with his manager Brian Little that will earn him

around £2m.

Football

Trinidad and Tobago international, who had one year left of his existing contract. Karel Poborsky, the Czech Republic midfield player, said vesterday that Manchester

United are the only club he wants to play for. A deal could finally be scaled by the weekend. Two key Wolves' players have been hadly hurt in training accidents on their pre-season tour of Austria. The Welsh international Adrian Williams, the

club's new £750,000 defender from Reading, was on crutches yesterday after damaging his left knee while the former England winger Tony Daley has been ruled out of the game until Christmas after rupturing tendons in his knee.

Charlton have signed the Welsh international midfielder Jeremy Goss on a free transfer from Norwich City.

Paul Parker, the Manchester United and former England defender who is now surplus to requirements at Old Trafford, is training with Portsmouth after being snubbed by Marseilles and Celta Vigo.

The Premier League yesterday dismissed reports that Sky TV is ready to introduce pay-per-view coverage. Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, had suggested that Sky would show 10 games a week from the beginning of the 1997-98 season and that subscribers could be charged up to £13.99 for some matches,

Britannic Assurance County Championship Total (89.3 overs) 256 Full: 1-22, 2-75, 3-76, 4-118, 5-229, 6-241, 7-253, 9-259, 9-259, 8-26, 8-261, 7-253, 9-259, 9-259, 8-264, 7-253, 9-259, 9-259, 8-264, 7-254, 8-275 FaD: 1-97, 1-39, 2-44 4-46, 5-62, 76 bot: 1-2 1,100, D.J.S. 1-3 G.J. Partons, A.D. Surrey v Sussex Booking A. v. 8-2-19-2: 5-1- 7-0-20-2: 8at 1-3 = 5 GUILDFORD: Session (Gets), with one fact wanted socket standing, are 151 new behind Summ (8). proc 5 Caroner and 1 Pears Lancashire v Derbysture OLD TRAFFORD: Lancachine (3pts) are \$34 for 2 at their first innings against Derbystere (0). 2 of the control of t MIKE CAREY Hampshire 266

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FIRST YOUTH ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (Checker-Le-Stroet): New Zeasard U-19 255 ISO overs: M Walter 50, C McMiller 571, England U-19 258 by 2 (49 overs; A C Mome 76), England until by time whelsely.

EUROPEAN CHARPIONISHIP (Copenhagen): England NCA 375 for 9 (D Carle 119, M Auberts 69, S Waterton 50), Emel 38 (P Richer 4-11). England NCA won by 337 name. Starting today gaye HOGG TROPHY (One day: 11.0); Puntag. Gernorgen v Wordtsgerstire. Mandatone: Kern v Es-

held up by James

reports from Harrogate Yorkshire 76-0

Yorkshire are all too aware that if they are to sustain their Championship challenge they need not only pitches that produce results but also that little hit of luck that wins matches. By leaving more grass than

usual on a fast bowler's length at St George's Road yesterday they went some way to achieving the first objective but the ruh of the green completely eluded them in the first part of the day. While the hall was new, bat-

ting was a gritfler pastime than is often the case here and no one knew that more than Kevan James. His 71 from 135 balls was one of those innings that is perhaps better viewed in the score book than in the flesh, but it kept Hampshire affoat when the going was at its toughest. Yorkshire bowled with great

who underlined a growing reputation, but James somehow beld on as partners came and went in varying fashion. He had made only five when a top-edged hook fell to safety. At 25 he was comfortably dropped at stip off Darren Gough. Between times be

heart, not least Chris Silverwood.

played and missed with great frequency and when he reached 50 it was with a mis-timed stroke off a no ball. Of those who departed the

scene, the most unusual dismissal was that of Paul Terry, caught on the third man boundary. The most disappointing was the needless run-out on the stroke of tea of Matthew Keech. James went on nicking it here. equirting it there until Silverwood found an inside edge from which

he was splendidly caught onehanded by Richard Blakey. The sun had eased much of the juice from the pitch when Yorkshire batted and Hampshire could not afford the rich mixture of half-volleys and long

hops they produced. Martyn Moxon began with three successive fours off Cardigan Connor, Michael Vaughan also picked off variations in length and line and Hampshire ended as they began, very much

Yorkshire 25 wickets fall in a day

dazzling - and the bowling was hostile, accurate and sustained.

DEREK HODGSON

reports from Cheltenham Leicestershire 159 & 80-5 Gloucestershire 71

After the first 15 wickets had fallen on the opening day of the fes-tival this pitch would be reported automatically, yet few hatsmen could say, hand on heart, that their dismissal had anything to do with the state of the square.

Indeed, for much of the morning, when Darren Maddy and Ben Smith were adding 71 for the second Leicestershire wicket. the forecast was for another huge lotal. The bounce was even but the pace may have quickened under a hot sun and cloudless sky. What can be said is that the catching of both sides was high class - Phil 5 mmons, at slip, was

Ben Smith was the only hatsman to take any credit. He batted for almost four hours for his 68, hit nine fours and never lost his composure while the roof fell in around him. Gloucestershire's principal

destroyer was Mike Smith. whose subtle left-arm swing was aided, until tea, by a gentle cross wind. His was the first victim, the high-scoring Vince Wells, misled by late swing; Leicestershire then went along comfortably until, just before lunch, Courtney Walsh recalled Smith, for a sec-

ond morning spell, in what seemed like a desperate stroke. Walsh was immediately rewarded with two more leg-before decisions, to the second and fifth balls of the over. 5mith, Walsh

Jack Russell was somehow caught off bat, pad and ankle

while Martyn Ball managed to get himself run out by Attab Habib's smart throw from cover. Batting again at 6.20. Leicestershire made no effort to confirm the view of the umpires that the pitch was blameless, losing five secondinnings wickets before the close.

Gallian steadies ship

JON CULLEY

reports from Old Trafford Lancashire 334-2 v Derbyshire

The most interesting parts of the day came at the beginning. when Michael Atherton was out for a duck and John Crawlev almost established some sort of record. After they had passed, the sun grew hotter. Derbyshire grew wearier and Jason Gallian appeared ready to bat forever.

preparations for next week's first confrontation with Pakistan would not be harmed by a few runs here, lasted 15 balls before Dominic Cork found the edge of his bat and second slip pouched the catch. Naturally, this damage to

The England captain, whose

the national interest was of no

concern to Cork. But only at do it either. His next scoring that moment was there even a hint it might be their day. stroke, off the 52nd ball re-With Atherton's departure ceived, an off-drive against the came Crawley, just back from

a pulled hamstring. On the way to the middle he must have decided that conditions were unsuitable for running up and down, for he proceeded to do nothing, literally, other than hit fours. Timing the ball beautifully, he reached 48 without scoring by any other means.

Although there have been

two instances in first-class cricket of batsmen going from 0-50 entirely in boundaries - Rodney Marsh (eight fours, three sixes) for Western Australia in 1975-76, and Ken Rutherford (10 fours, two sixes) for Otago in 1990-91 - and no search of record books yesterday could exclusively in fours.

spinner Matthew Vandrau. gathered pace in the outfield but could not beat Cork, spoiling things again, who stopped it with only inches to spare, restricting It will have bothered the batsman more, however, that he was then promptly out, spoon-

In the event, Crawley did not

seemed in the offing. But Gallian did not waste his opportunity on an ideal batting surface, nor Steve Titchard, his partner in a chanceless unbroken stand of 234. Gallian batted all day for 178 not out, a career hest, and Atherton may well be discussing his name turn up a batsman getting there and Crawley's at selection meet-

ings soon.

Emburey in court circular

John Emburey had an extraordinary day yesterday, on and off the field. Ten minutes before play he was summoned from Northampton to the High Court for the Imran Khan v

Botham and Lamb case. He was not required to give evidence, arrived back at the ground at 3.50, and after being given special dispensation to

bowl immediately he took the final two Middlesex wickets as the visitors were dismissed for

Northamptonshire then struggled to 92 for 5 and with Emburey anticipating a possible return to the High Court today, he batted at No 3 and scored 11 in just over an hour before being out.

Wickets tumbled throughout the county yesterday and the

first team to be howled out were Nottinghamshire at Chelmsford. Ronnie Irani took 5 for 27, his best for Essex, and Mark Hott took four as the visitors were dismissed for 97 in 36.3

Batting was much easier for Essex, for whom Graham Gooch scored 91, as they finished on 234 for 4, a lead of 137. Indeed they went ahead without without losing a wicket.

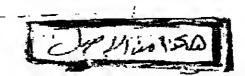
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*Howard refuses to let go of Tote

Events away from the track extended tenure in the post will are rarely as interesting as those end in April next year. upon it, but in these difficult times for racing, the industry's influence in the corridors of power is a useful measure of its bealth. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday addressed himself to racing matters, and while one of the British Horseracing Board's most cherished ambitions has been, for the moment at least, frustrated, the BHB will probably feel that it emerged with an bonourable score draw.

Howard announced that the Board will not, as it had wished, be allowed to take control of the Tote, the publicly-owned body which has an effective monopoly on pool-betting and returns its profits to the sport.

a private body such as the BHB raises complex issues," he said, which are unlikely to be settled in the short term.

However, the BHB will be consulted on the identity of a successor to Lord Wyatt, the current Tote chairman, whose

Rainbows Rhapsody

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

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Wyatt is a controversial figure, whose long stay at the Tote in a part-time position worth almost £100,000 per annum, was seen by many us a reward for years of devotion to the Conservative cause. He famously admitted at Glorious Goodwood last year that he could not name any of the horses running on Sussex Stakes day, and the organisation's contribution to racing remains small in comparison to that vicided by deductions from fixed-odds bookmakers.

Greg Wood on why a key asset stays outside the control of racing's rulers

National Lottery continues to bite - Camelot anoounced vesterday that it intends to introduce a second weekly draw - the Tote could prove an essential weapon as racing attempts to protect its finances, and the British Horseracing Board will welcome the chance to add its input to the search for Wyatt's

Another route to important ears will be provided by a new the Home Secretary to discuss clusive licence [to conduct pool

As the competition from the Horserucing Advisory Group, which is to he set up at the suggestion of Lord Wakeham, the BHB's new chairman and, as a former Government chief whip, a man who knows a great deal about behind-the-scenes influ-

> To be selected personally by Wakeham, the four or five members of the advisory group, who will not formally represent any factional interests, will meet

matters of importance to the in- betting] at risk, and that would dustry.
"There will obviously be

some disappointed that one of would have been madness to our initial objectives has not yet press the Government to do been achieved. Tristram Rick-something which is counteretts, the BHB's chief executive, productive. said yesterday. "But we've long taken the view that the important thing is not who owns the Tote, but that it is run successfully for the benefit of racing and there's no reason why that

shouldn't happen."
Ricketts added: "It's become clear that any change in the Tote's status would put its exbookmakers will officially unveil a new, unified strategy for bet-

NEWBURY

be extremely damaging for the

Tote's contribution to racing. It

The news of an imminent sec-

ond weekly Lottery draw, while

not unexpected, remains de-pressing, with Camelot pre-dicting an overall increase of 21

per cent in its revenue and

bookmakers preparing to see

their turnover depleted still

This morning, the hig three

ting on the Irish lottery num-

bers, with an identical betting

slip to be carried in all their

This is little consolation to the

turf, however, which receives Levy only from betting turnover on British racing. Some may de-ride the new advisory group as

nothing more than a talking

shop, but at present racing needs all the friends and influ-

ence it can get.

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ADMISSION: Members \$13; Tancersalls \$8; Silver long \$710APs bull price). CAR PARE: Free.

ELECTIONG TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: R Hannon - 33 winners from 147 runners and a less to a \$1 keel stake of \$210.00; R Charlicon - 30 vincers ratio of 7.45% and a less to a \$1 keel stake of \$210.00; R Charlicon - 30 vincers, 110 runners, 18.2%, \$51.25; P F I Cole - 20 winners, 181 runners, 11.2%, -211'1. J L Dualop - 17 winners, 178 runners, 9.2%, \$50.09.

LEADING JOCKEYS: J Reid - 50 wins, 273 rides, 18.9%, \$51.40; Pat Riddery - 44 mins: 75 tides, 10.4%, \$39.97; L Destori - 38 wins, 210 riddes, 18.1%, \$54.00; W Carwins: 75 tides, 10.4%, \$39.97; L Destori - 38 wins, 210 riddes, 18.1%, \$450.00; W Carwins: 221 rides, 16.4%, \$59.57.

SILINEERS FIRST TIME: None.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwalls IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Green Ferfume (3.00) won at York on Friwall Charles and The Seven Market Mar

ONG DI	St.	ANCE RUNNERS: Great Baseby (5.00) has been mark, Co Durham.	868 307 Hulls by 17 Blok 67
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Cinema Poradico, 14-1 officer.
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With Paul Cole having had several winning juvenile debutants this season, Olivo will have his supporters, especially as the stable has a good record at this track. He was a winner his supporters, especially as the stable has a good record at this track. He was a winner his supporters, especially as the stable has a good record at this track. He was a winner at my and the second record with the juveniles Papua at Lingfield and Seebe at Sandown, Al Advar, who has been going well on the gallops, is by Arac and fetched 100,000grs as a yearing. Richard harnon has suggested that Luido has some abelity at home and was expected to go close first time up. Luido, a 35,000grs son of the speedy Petrolg, is from a mate related to smart mater leaster's Pet. John Duning's youngsters are firing and Jawherd, a 50,000grs son of the same stable's 1992 Queen have and Queen Duabeth II Stakes withor Lahib, is another who can figure. Absentit, slowly pulsy when mirth of 23 to Opean Ridge on his debut here five weeks ago, may do best of the quarter with experience.

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-8ETTIME: 13-8 Broco Performs, 7-2 Star Of Zizzal, 13-2 Herd To Figure, 6-1 Settliant Red, 7-1 Warning Time, 8-1 EveryBades, 50-1 Funchal War.

1995: Allemance 3 8 8 6 Hind 18-1 (1 Goster) ID ran

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ERREN PERFUME is in good heart and can make it three wine from his test four starts.

Paul Cole's numer, second behind Pannekemp in the 1994 Dewhunst, failed to score as a three-year-old, but made all to comfortably justify favouritism at Lingfield on 1 June. He was totle more then a length off the winner when fourth of 29 to Emerging Market in the Woldingham and was never headed at York a neak ago, though only just holding of the Pool and Behaviour after Indicing a clear lead at helivey. Hend to Figure finished bround anyta lengths admit of Green Perfume in 23rd in the Wollingham but has a stone advantage and might be the one to busite up the selection. Star Of Zitzal has not acced shartings and might be the one to busite up the selection. Star Of Zitzal has not acced shartings and might be the one to busite up the selection. Star Of Zitzal has not acced shartings and might be the one to busite up the selection. Star Of Zitzal has not acced sharting the produce the zitzal out fit anough.

Selections GREEN PERFUME.

3.30 CHATTIS HILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £3,493 2 ESDUO REGIER (Aleggin Lish M Charman 8 11 Rei
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CHIDE NICOLE has been stoping mostly at horns and can be yet another winning [wonline debutant for Peul Cola's yard, which has a good course record, Gopil, the only one with experience in the field of five, led until inside the final futions when fourth to Red Embers at Bath in May, following with a time-length second to Olympe Spirit at Welwick. With Isin Beking's two-year-olds in good form, alterythower could pose a threat. By Midpen, the is the second fool of Chesnut Time, who was out of Ribblesdele heroine Expensive.

4.00 WHITE HORSE FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,656 2-54 MBM-THE (LT) (BH) PERMONN POR PROMISENT PY PROMISENT PY PERMONN CRIP (A EVEN PERMONN PROMISENT) PERMONN PROMISENT PROMISE

BETTING: 9-4 Policis Widow, 5-2 Frog. 7-2 Dramatic Moseant, 8-1 Mus-Teb, Call Me, 12-1 Promis sory, 14-1 others 1995: Emily Mou 3 8 8 8 Doyle 12-1 (B Meshan) 9 ran

Issue: Entry wou 3 o 0 o Doyer 32-3 to Institute 3 out.

Sir Mark Prescott is striking while the Iron Is hort with FROG, who was completing a hunck when landing odds of 3-1 at Brighton on Wednesday evening. Only five days back that, Frog grotted up by three and a half lengths at Longited while she scored by the sar margin at Notingham six days entier on her reappearance. She gives off the same mark here as at Brighton. This first attempt at the trip should prove ideal for Politial Wislow, who looked in need of further when talong the marior placing behind Mawingo and Brianna Handicap witner North Song over a mile at Nowmarkat three weeks back. Dracostbe Moment has progressed a place with each of her outings this term, striking form when five lengths too good for Tarian at Solisbury three weeks ago. Selections: FROG 4.30 SHRIVENHAM HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,700 added 6f 8yds Penalty Value £5,540

BAYIN, whose lest success was over course and distance in May of last year, has been running well in recent races. Mark Usher's numer, who goes off bottom weight and has regular noter Robert Street aboard, ran Sir Joey to half a length at Salisbury lest month and can confirm the form with Bir Bengerse (7th better) and Milister Johann (2th better), who finished seventh and eight n of 1.4. Bayin followed with a third behind Double Bound and Double Splendour at Newcastle, bearen a neck and half a length, and was a three-length second of 1.8 to Double Splendour at York lest Saturday of the same rating as tolength second of 18 to Double splendour at York lest saturday on the same raining as to-day's. Mister Jolson is not the most consistent of characters but will pose a threat in the same soft of mood as when he won at Sandown in the spring and at Sahabury last time - Golden Pound third, beaten a head and half a length. Golden Pound has since gone in at Epsom and meets Mistar Jolson 5th worse but can stiff turn the form around. Shammanie might be happer back at this so, after an Epsom third to Chickewicke over seven 16 days ago. Before that he finished fourth of 17 to Sethursberk Piper over so or the same treat with Control Pound search Sitten Powerseton 12th and Lengte the same track with Golden Pound seventh, Silient Expression 12th and Lenn

5.00 THAMES VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m Penalty Value £3,597 1-00-04 RIVERT WISELY (9) U C Smith J Eusace 4 10 0 21:53-1 NOORUGHT QUEST (15) 00 (84) Juhn Lashij 8 Hanbury 8 9 12. 652/262 ALBERTY (16) (Poul Melon) I Bating 4 9 10 2-24450 UNICHAMBED (31) (D) (M J Smirronds) C Billion 4 9 4 0-22302 GREAT EASSETY (9) (D C Batcy) W Storey 6 8 5, 201503 COLEROSE (14) (D) (P J Streeten) J Streeten B han 8 7 13

BETTIME: 2-1 Great Easeby, 5-2 Invest Wisely, 7-2 Moonlight Quest, 6-1 Sitently, 6-1 Unchang 2-1 Coloridge 996: Kristal's Peradise 3 8 6 W Carson 5-4 (J Duntop) 8 ran

GREAT EASEBY was completing a hist took when landing the Gold Card Handicap Hurdie at the Chettenham Festival and can now record a first Rat victory following some good displays on the level this season. Will Storey's runner was firstning second for the third time this term when beaten a length and a quarter by Benation at Newmarket lass week and is no worse off with laveet Wisely, who finished too and a half lengths behind him in lourth, Great Easeby finished only 14th of 26 to Southern Power in the Accut Stakes before that - Colonidge, and Uschanged behind - but was in front of that winner at Newmarket. Great Easeby may have most to lear from Moonlight Questi, who was racing for the first lattle since the end of September when coming home by an lengths from Lucky Com when shouldering 10st at Yammaith 16 days ago. Stlantly has yet to race beyond a rule and a half and does not always seem too keen.

Selection: GREAT EASEBY

5.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 7f (Straight course) Penalty Value £3,636

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4.34/2 1 VOUNG CARE (28) (D) (Mas Search D Misterns Mrs 5 Wilcoms 8 9 1 ... P MeChant 6, 6
5-45-50 VANNOVAE WOOSTER (21) (Mas Amenda J Raucage P Marphy 5 8 8 ... S Drowne (3) 1
5006-3 CHUL MESKITS (274) (D) (D) T Amendoorse); G Batting 6 8 4 ... T Speake 4 V
300-GS6 DEEROY (21) (Dent & Carry Holder, C Stoth 3 7 13 ... C Rother 3

BETTING: 11-4 Easy Jot, 7-2 Young Date, 5-1 Xeophon of Curava, 6-1 See's Return, 13-2 Meter Fire Eyes, 7-1 Chill Heights, 9-1 Winsome Wooster, 16-1 Dearly
1896: 50%, Ana USA: 3-9 4 W Ryan 8-1 (6 Handury: 11 re)

EASY JET books good enough to open his account in a race which will not take all their much coming Lord Huntingdon's con was nurse up in his first two races this term beinger manurg, the changed is that was retrievely in his just not race has been per-ting tunning their to Concer Unitwarper at Sandour next time; and Greatest at Bath, where he was going on at the finish after faving to get the best of race. He goes off the same mank here, it was soft when Xenophon Of Consider won over the trop here in May but he was also successful on hard ground at Bath has fermi and was only a couple of lengths, agent of the women in firstlying last of these to Decen, at Lingdeld, Young Dukes made a history conscious at Hempton these weeks any when defeating Sharp Rebuil a length and a hor Wassanse Wooster, who was better nearly four lengths and from a me and a not Wissome Wooster, and was been nearly four lengths and fourn in me legister event, a may 2th better in.

Selection: EASY ET

Fallon turns up but is banned and fined

Fransfer of a public asset to A five-day ban and a £500 fine Saturday when Ascot stages was imposed by the Jockey the King George VI & Queen was imposed by the Jockey Club vesterday on Kieren Fallon for riding without having received medical clearance and for failing to attend the subse-

Elizabeth Stakes meeting.

The £500 fine related to the 30-year-old Irishman riding on for failing to attend the subsequent inquiry into the offence.
Fallon's ban begins on Thesday 23 July and extends to the

2008-2 PEDMATOTHESHETAL (11) P Methol 4 3 9 J Quine 8 5 1 02022 SHARP SENSATION (18) 0 Strike 6 6 6 J Branchii (7) 7 6 500 100 VICTOR LASZU,0 (11) 9 Alan 2 8 6 J Replice 3 0 5005 LITTLE REDMINS (15) M HATIMEN 4 8 3 Quide Gibnes 3 0 020035 PHAR CLOSER (17) W Kemp 3 7 10 J Replice 3 10 0 0-64340 WHAT JRM WENTS (8) J J O'Neil 3 7 10 J Leves 9 10 00-600 BOLD JOKER (13) G Odropt 5 7 10 J Leves 9 10 00-600 BOLD JOKER (13) G Odropt 5 7 10 A Madday 5 10 0-64340 WHAT JRM WENTS (8) J J O'Neil 3 7 10 D A Madday 5 10 0-6500 BOLD JOKER (13) G Odropt 5 7 10 D A Madday 5 10 0-6500 BOLD JOKER (13) G Odropt 5 7 10 D A Madday 5 10 0-6500 BOLD JOKER (14) G Odropt 5 7 10 D A Madday 5 10 0-6500 BOLD JOKER (14) G Odropt 5 7 10 D A Madday 5 10 0-6500 BOLD JOKER (14) G Odropt 5 1 0 0-6500 BOLD JOKER (15) G ODROPT JOKER

on (HANS 75 /B), Bott John 75 40. BETTRYC: 5-1 Pedaltothermetal, 4-1 Sensota Storm, Sturp Sensation, 5-2 Maxier Rydo, 6-1 Little Redwing, 10-1 What Jan Whats, 12-1 others

3.40 MONKTONHALL COLLIERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added Sf

4.10 MONKTONHALL COLLIERY SELLING

-6 flociand SETHING: 5-4 Apicoloho, 7-4 Super Scrawels, 4-1 Poly Dancor, 8-1 Baruchals Lad, Sweeplay Statement, 14-1 Foolish Factor

4.40 CALEDORIAN INDUSTRIAL HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m

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STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 2YO 7f

The jockey missed the inquiry into this nine days ago and yesterday the Jockey Club disciplinary committee found that Fallon had made insufficient effort to attend or notify the committee of his whereabouts. Fallon left without commenting.

Norman Williamson escaped

The jockey hung up in the stir-rups for 20 to 30 yards before freeing his feet after his mount hit a hurdle. Then he was kicked by following horses. But Williamson still hopes to resume

serious injury in a frightening in-cident at Killarney yesterday.

3.20 IGGESUND TIMBER HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,350 added 2m 4f 110yds SOUTHWELL

2.20 Dear Emily 2.50 Noblely 3.20 Arctic Life 3.50 Seracen Prince 4.20 Night Time 4.50 island Vision

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Recercurse is 3 miles a universal of town and 5 miles west of Newark at Balleson. Relieston Junction rainty station arguments occurse. ADMISSION: Club 512; Taucrealls 50 (OAP members of crume's Denround Club 54. accompanied under-life free?

SIS RACING

BLINKSRED FIRST TIME: Pillow Talk (4:20); Dear Sadly (v-cored, 1:20); Ghame (visored, 3:20); Trade Wind (visored, 4:20); Idland Vision (visored, 4:50); WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Non: (Trade Wind, 4:20),

was fourth on the First at Buth yearsthay).

LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: The Little Ferret (2.50) & Kenyatta (4.20) have been sent 180 miles by A Moore from Woodingstean, East, Streen: Reinecheck (2.20) sent 151 miles by A Campion from Turworth, Hampshire, Lewel Edge (2.20), Senteen Prince (3.60) & Fimiliock (4.50) sent 149 miles by H Alexander from Linchester,

2.20 FISHERTON NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £8,000 added 2m 4f 110yds ALDADO SASSIVER AUSA) (3.6 P.Kelenov 6.11.13 F MicCov 3/06-45 BEAT THE RAP IS D Nome 10 11 6 _____ Richard Goest V

2.50 LEEDS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E)

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7.25 LOUIS ROEDERER CHAMPAGNE MAIDEN

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4.50 EDINGLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) 4003-12 ISLAND VISION (20) (CD) 10 Stee 8 12 0 Mildred B

own, 8-1 Fintlock, 10-1 Stay With Me, 12-1 other

8.25 MARK GORSUCH MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

4 AMED THE STARS (20) R Boss 811___

(CLASS D) £6,000 added 2YO 7f

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6.30 Uncle George 6.55 Cim Born Born 7.25 Present Generation 7.55 Romios 8.25 Ghayyur 8.55

STALLS: Stands' side all ruces. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. Right-hand, wide galloping course

Course is south-west of town on A1304. But link from Newmarket railway station (served by London, King's Cross). ADMISSION: Chib S14 (10 to 25-year-olds 58); Grandstand & Paddock S10 (16 olds S5); Silver Ring S3. CAR PARK: Members S1; re-

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2.00: 1. FLIGHT MASTER (S Sanders)

4 fav. 2. FLIGHT MASTER (S Sanders) 7-4 fav. 2. Sleets Time 8-1; 3. Durhaus 3-1. 7 ran. hq. 1%. (P Makin, Ogbourne Meisey). 1986: £2.70; £1.80, £2.80. Duel Forecest. £1.4.40. 2.30; 1. SALEENAH (W Carson) 1-2 fav. 2. Rebnab 9-4; 3. Tabl 6-1, 8 ran. 12, 1%.

2. Rebaab 9-4; 3, Tabl 6-1, 8 ran. 12, 1%. U Duniop, Arundel). Tota: £1.30, DF: £1.50.

CSF: £2.01. 3.00: 1. MENDIFACE (Maron Dwyer) 12-1; 2. White Ereir 2:1 fav; 3. Steep Pearl 14-1, B ran. ->, 1 y (K Ivory, Radisti). Totac £13.60: £2.60, £1.30, £3.70. DP: £30.50.

E13.60; £2.60, £1.50, £3.75.7.

3.30; 1. TAFANHEIS (M Roberts) 6-4 tay.

2. Astral Invader 8-1; 3. Maximo Street 81.9 ren. 1:4-, sth-nd. (M Polgase, Newmarkel), 7ote: £2.40; £1.20, £1.90, £2.00.

DF: £14.60. CSF: £44.24, Tro: £23.20. After 18-20.

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The Sporting Life

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Manel (7.55) has been sen 200 miles LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS: Missel (7.55) has been sent 200 miles by M Johnston from Michieham, North Yorkshre; Morting Arrow (7.56) has been sent 200 miles by Miss 6 Hall from Coverbam, North York-shre: McDozzle (7.55) sent 200 miles by Mis M Reveley from Ling-dalo, Cleveland; Romesyev Dancer (7.56) sent 171 miles by A Balley from Little Budworth, Cheshire; Sharp Sharffle (5.30) and Navigate (7.35) sent 134 miles by R Hannon from East Everleigh, Wilsshire.

6.30 SPORTING INDEX CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3YO 1m

ı		WASHING O DOUBLE 3 COMPANIES AND ALCOHOLIST
2	0252-03	SHARP SHUFFLE (8) R Harrion 9 6
3	00-0	BARON (STABOVSKY (5) P Cole 9 2 7 Quint
i	0-05203	UNICLE GEORGE (3) M Tomphire 9 2
;		SWEET AMORET (21) PHONING 8 7F Norton
í		BIROBOX BOY (5) A Jave 8 5 D WHIGH (5)
7		SHEERINGOOD (15) K hory 8 3
		SYLVELLA CLED M. Lenes 8 3 G Center
è		TINA RAIERNA (179) R Crempon 83
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Œ	TING 3-1	Sharp Shaffle, 7-2 Uncle George, 4-1 Europea Boy, 9-2 Sylve
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6.55 HORSE RACING ABROAD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 6f 065081. CRIT BON BON (30) (D) M Bel 4 9 12 (Ge)

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13-0330	10ND OF LIGHT (11) R Guest 391 Reid 3
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Stumbe R	hythm, 25-2 Meanut, 33-1 Kind of Light

CSF: £54.05, Tric: £128.00.

cy Leader 9-2, 10 ran, 2-1 for highingsie Song (4th), 4a, 3. (A Jones, Eastbury). Total £12,90; £2,10, £2,10, £1,60. DF. £53,50.

CSF: 554,05. Trot: £128.00.
3.15: 1. MEZZORAMIO (AF R Thornson)
14-1; 2. Just Henry 4-1; 3. Speedy Snaps
Pride 15-1. 7 tans. 100-30 tar Indiapute (Sni).
2. 2%; K. Worgan, Melton Mouthary). Tota:
£24,90; £6.10, £1.60. DF: £13.60. CSF

2 AS: 1 MASTERSTROKE (M Tebburi) 9-

2; 2. Micty Cay 9-2; 3. Grenatre 8-1.7 rst.

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Sing With The Band

(Pontefract 7.40)

NB: Everglades (Newbury 3.00)

3-1 it faves Hel Americandy (5th) & Carn Carn Lady (4th), shit-hal Ind. (8 Meetinan, Lambourn), Totac £5.90; £4.00. £3.50, DF: £40.60, CSF: £24.11.

CSP. £60.62.
4.45: 1. KILDEE LAD (G Carest 7-2; 2.
Croeso Cyanes 7-4 lav; 3. Meald O'Canade
11-4. 7 sau. nl., 6. (A Lones, Easthuryl, Totas
£4.20; £2.40, £1.70. DF: £8.60. CSF:

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THE INDEPENDENT

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ALL COURSES RESULTS 0891 261 970

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met: not won (pool of £9,513.59 carried

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4.15: 1. RUSHEN RAIDER (A Day) 9-1: 2. Linda's Joy 6-1; 3. Westminster 7-4 tw. 8 rat. - 4; 7. (K Hogg, Isle Of Man). Total £19.50; £3.00, £2.40, £1.90. OF: £104.50.

RACING RESULTS

4.00: 1. TUMBLEMEED PEARL (J Red) 4-11 far, 2. Miss Barceloon 12-1; 3. Anoto-to 40-1. 7 ran. 2, 2½. (B Meeton, Lamboum). Tota: £1.40: £1.10. £2.80. DF: £3.70, CSF:

4 30: 1. ROYAL THOMBLE (Martin Dwy

12-1; 2. Hartequin Walk 13-8 tor; 3. Reserve 11-4. 7 ran. 3, 3½. (Noel 7 Chance, Lambourn). Tota: £13.30; £2.60,

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2.15: 1. PALAMON (1 Sprake) 8-15 fev; 2. Agglistis 9-1; 3. Mountain Dream 6-1. 12 ran. 6. 34: (R. Charton, Beckhampton). Tota: £1.40; £1.10, £2.50, £1.10. DP: £11.70. CSF: £7.67; 7do: £48.70.

[7.55	SPORTING INDEX HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 2f
ī		MESSEL (461) NJ Johnston 4 10 0X M Chie (5) 9
î	11101-4	MELLOTTE (19) (2) (0) Mrs M Reveloy 11 9 12 6 Lee (5) 12
3	01-0200	MOVENE APPLOY (12) May 5 Had 59 11 Baid 6
4		FUNG ATHELSTAN (1,088) (D) B McMaron 8 9 5 G Carter 7
5	000032	ROLLIOS (7) (D) P Con 491
6	0-03124	CLIFTON FOX (14) J Gover 49 D 3 D Williams 3
7	00-0000	BOS'S PLOT (5) (D) M Tomplets 4 8 12 P Robinson 11
8	140-0	SVELTANA (57) 6 Wage 489
ğ	00-2000	APOLIONO (24) J Farefrance 4 & 8
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Monty's siege mentality

Richard Edmondson watches another display of petulance from a player who cannot stop snapping at photographers

If it takes a man to show his 2, who is aged 33 (and almost emotions then Colin Montogomerie can be regarded as a colossus. As well as being fluent in body language, with a de-jected slouch his speciality, Monty is not afraid to tell people when he is not feeling entirely tickety-boo. More sadly, the hig man's range rarely gets more mature than someone who has cither been forced to surrender a sweetie or had

their pocket money stopped. When Colin arrived for duty at 9.01 vesterday a courageous gallery assembled. There is something compelling about the man, rather like watching a McEnroe tennis match or Oliver Reed stumbling into a chat show. It would probably be quite annoying if Monty did not act up, and, with his great cagerness to please, he rarely dis-

It started early on yesterday when Monty complained about spectators taking photographs. Colin. it must be said, does not like cameras, or, more precisely, people with cameras. When you meet him the phrase you probably want to avoid is "say cheese". This was a theme Monty warmed to throughout vesterday's round without

drowning us with his charm. In television interviews the Scot can come across as a grandma's favourite, a sort of Michael Aspel of the links, hut he addresses some in the gallery as you would the member of the household who dines oo Pedigree Chum.

The circus woman who has knives and axes thrown at her probably trains by watching Monty. It is the supreme exereise for keeping body move-ment to a minimum, as you know a single facial twitch could send him into paroxesms of rage. Ideally, he would like his followers to resemble the terracotta army.

By 10.30 and the sixth, there was evidence that the sun was stronger than normal in this part of west Lancashire, "Cume on Monty." said one spectator. "You're the colonel." Crowd support for Montgomerie was sporadic and delivered almost out of a sense of patriotic duty. It was embarrassingly tinny compared with the roars ahead

And on it went, the world No

one month), displaying he can go one better when it comes to childish behaviour.

By the 15th Monty was a melancholy figure, sitting alone on a bench. After a moment's musing he jumped up and sug-gested people with lenses should be executed. Big Colin does not like the press much either and resents the fact they are allowed to share his side of the rope. He would rather see them

dangling from it.
On the 16th green he found the television cameramen on a gantry too noisy and after his tee shot on the following hole be caught yet another member of the public snapping him, "Well done," he said. "You can run away and hide now you've done

prestigious tournament in the world, and chasing your first ma-jor, it seems a little odd to have the mind filled with fermenting bitterness about how beastly the press and public are. The poor chap is close to driving himself

potty.

Given Monty's countenance it was particularly apt that he should be playing with David Frost. Other interesting partners for him this week could be Jim Payne, Curtis Strange, Jim Furyk and Domingo Hospital. As it was, the third man yesterday was Brad Faxon, who was rather puzzled by the pan-Iomime being played out before him. "You would not want to be a fan carrying a camera [with Montogomerie around," be said. "I get aloog with Monty and have no problems but it is as if he is happiest when he is

telling someooe off." Wearing a shirt the colour of weak tea and black trousers, Monty was sartorially uninspired and that was mirrored in his game. From tee to green be played beautifully, but a force field appeared to be around the hole when it came to putting.

At least the ensemble hangs rather hetter these days, however. Montgomerie lost over two stones for the start of the season and no longer returns to the clubbouse with tropical clothing stains when the thermometer rises. This weight reduction has done little to effect the vardage produced by his long, fluid, almost feminine Montgomerie's drive trickling was three feet today," he in-



Mood swings: Colin Montgomerie in action yesterday on a day where he lost his cool

gin tournaments with a lethargy which suggests he still has his py-

jamas on.

swing, though this year he has into a hunker, from where he formed us after his 73. "You developed a tendency, repeat- took two shots to escape. When need a hit of good fortune out ed once again yesterday, to be-gin tournaments with a lethargy to a face in the crowd it became there and I didn't have any to-day. Perhaps I'll have some toclear the debriefing to his pals morrow.' in the Fourth Estate was not to

To be lair to Monty, it was yesterday. He had to endure gle goes on.

Photograph: Robert Hallam

of butterflies flitting across the greens in the disturbing knowledge that if he wins this tournament they will make him take home £200,000. At 1.47 this afternoon the strug-

AROUND ROYAL LYTHAM

Faldo has to borrow £10

ther it seems do professional golfing masters. Nick Faldo arrived at Lytham yesterday earlier than a German at a seaside swimming pool. With a tee-off time of 7.33am his laguar Sovereign was almost Royal Portrush (Northern first in car park A near the Ireland)? "It is a possibility chibhouse. The trouble was and we have not discounted Nick had almost run out of petrol on the way to the

Grabbing the attention of one of the female courtesy car drivers who transport officials and players to the course, the take his Jag and go and fill it up. As she waited for Mr Faldo to give her some cash for the petrol, Nick gently tapped the pockets of his golf slacks and said he was clean out of cash, and would she mind just putting a tenner in it for him.

After his three-under-par 68 put him in line for a decent cheque on Sunday, the Inde-pendent hopes he will remember the tenner on loan. If not we will gently remind

Closed world of the Open

If the Royal and Ancient are serious about their annual mest to find the world's best player why is the Open Championship not played over as wide a variety of their finest courses as possible? Why must this annual pilgrimage of the faithful be worshipped at the same altars

In a fearless quest for the Not necessarily. Bernard truth, I put this very serious Glenholm, director of serquestion to the R&A's suprevices at Lancashire Ambulance, said: "We've been offered him a list of Britain's inest-ignored, and like a making any noise."

The hit list is as follows: "Crowd wouldn't be large enough, oo car park." Royal Dornoch (Far North-east Scotland)? "Same as the above. Not long coough." But Westward Ho (North Devou)? "You'd never get rid of the horses." Royal Liver-pool (Hoylake)? "That's one course we do miss. It's blood." magnificent hot totally

Royalty, as the old impractical. No practice area. No tented village. Would be carry cash. And nei impossible." Royal Aberdeen? "Too short." Machri-hanish (Kintyre)? "You'd get a crowd of about four people there." Royal Porthcawl (Near Cardiff, Wales)? "Nothing like long enough." Royal Portrush (Northern La Moye (Jersey)? "Too bizarre a suggestion." Royal County Down (Newcastle. Northern Ireland)? "Magnificent hut totally

impractical." There you have it. For all current US Masters champioo and multi-millionaire what they have to do to imasked if she would kindly press the R&A, the diary has sayed you a fortune in consultancy fees:

Horror of the shooting stick

Four days of sun, sweat and English summer at its best that's the forecast for Lytham this week. Good news? That depends. If your name is Colin Holden and you are head of emergency planning, the prospect of treating squads of sunstroke victims, heart attacks and the odd nasty insect bite is proving rather daunting.

. Around the acres of the championship course are six paramedic teams, complete with silent running electric carts: and distinctive red stretchers. They link into three ambulances positioned around the outskirts of the

So if there is an emergency, then they will switch oo their while other fine temples are noisy sirens, flash their lights and rush to the trouble spot? asked to use discretion in

surgeon with a sharp A former doctor who regu-penknife Mr Bonallack cut larly works at Open venues our suggestions down to size. Said: "Discretion essentially means no ooise within two Nairn -(Invernesshire)? miles or the powers that be go bonkers.

So after day one has emergency planning gone well? "Our worst injury so far has been a broken shooting stick," Holden said. The damage? "Well, I can't show you photographs at the moment, but let's just say there was

Opening shots making qualifiers quake

It is the longest sentence that ho- at precisely 7am, he did not nourary starter foor Robson gets to speak all week. "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Royal Exthani and St Annes for the 125th Open Championship," After the flowery opening, the script allows for less treedom of expression, "This is Game No 1. On the tee,

Malcidin Mackenaie. Whatever the attractions on the St Annes scafront of Pleasure Island, which has been open late into the night this week, nothing can beaf an early morning on the links on a day. like vesterday. Not a breath of wind, a cloudless sky and the sun easting long shadows. An open course and virgin greens. Who could ask for more? If Mackenzie was nervous when called upon to hit the opening tee shot. called Johnny Miller hut is un-

Although the first tee is set

back in some trees where specturiers have no access, there was still quite a crowd of photographers. TV people, a whole horde of R&A chappies, scorers and observers and even the odd press person. Next up was Arnaud Langenaeken, a 23-year-old Belgian rather than a Welsh town, and Ricky Willison. "I was so nervous I nearly faint-ed," said Willison, a former printer who led the qualifying at Fairhayen. I had a whole routine of things I was going to do on the tee, but I thought, 'Oh my God,' and just hit the ball. It was probably the best shot I hit all day."

Willison, 36, whose caddie is

Andy Farrell links up with some nervous starters on the first tee

has been a professional for five years after switching from the amateur ranks late in his career. Langenacken turned pro last September, soon after winning the Swiss Amateur. He spent the winter on the emerging South American tour and has played one European tour and one Challenge tour event. He got through the regional qualifier at Sundridge Park and then progressed from the Southport & Ainsdale section. On Tuesday, he played the Lytham course for the first time, without even a yardage

book to rely on. "It is an amazing feeling to

related to the 1976 champion, be playing in the Open," Lan-

genaeken, one of only two Belgian touring pros, said. "I am only the fourth player from my country to play io the Open. It has happened so quickly, I don't think I realise what this means. I never thought I could get through the qualifying. I was very nervous teeing up and it took me five holes to calm A group of Ealing members,

who had been sampling the delights of Blackpool only a few short hours previously, were fol-lowing Willison, but Langenacken's only support came from Christian Ditlefsen, the pro at Royal Waterloo. A predecessor, George Will, a former Ryder Cup player, was the man who encouraged the young

player's golf.
"It was George who first said that I could be quite good at this game. I have always played golf. Now I give a few lessons and my parents help, but I have no sponsor and no monev." His caddie is a 14-year-old friend from the same club, Tanguy Legein. a 10-handicapper. We make a good team. He knows my game and it is nice to be two Belgians against every-

At the far end of the course the gallery started to thin out as the early morning risers hung back to pick up Nick Faldo. Mackenzie holed from 30 feet at the sixth and had three birdies in four holes from the better.

ninth. At three under, he briefly had sole possession of the lead. With a big putt at the 12th, Langenacken got to two under but Lytham's feared finish struck again. He bogeyed the 15th, 16th and 17th to match Willi-

"I was looking to get more

under par. My objective was too high. It's a very tough finish." The rookie's mistake was duplicated by the 16-year tour player. At the 15th, Mackenzie drove into a bunker, which cost a bogey. He did the same at the last and with three putts, the second horseshoeing out, took six. "That's going to spoil my lunch," he said. "It was a very disappointing finish. I played too good for a 71." Of the two, the Belgian's English was the



TODAY'S TEE-OFF TIMES

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ATLANTA 96: Despite security fears 'Dream Team' leader shows there is no business like business

TWA crash adds to the nerves

MIKE ROWBOTTOM reports from Atlanta

The mid-morning lemperature was already climbing towards the 90s in Olympic Centennial Park, the corporate playground at the city centre.

Family groups queued in have pictures taken on the Roman-style steps advantageously placed beside the bronze of Games's modern founder. Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

A group of exquisitely robed Indians waited to perform traditional music beneath a banner proclaiming "AT&T Welcomes You To The World." One of the Indian women, clasping a huge fan of feathers, drew deeply on a cigarette.
Two hundred yards further

on. Games volunteers were publicity from the situation. asking visitors to stand aside to allow the progress of a marching band arrayed with whitefeathered hats bearing golden Olympic rings: "Tight, tight, right," the bandleader hissed to his followers. "Tighten it up."
It was a message that re-

sounded through Atlanta yesterday as the city, the country, the world waited for tonight's opening of the Centennial Games. The reverberations of the

TWA crash were quickly felt at the Games, Don Mischer, executive director of the organis-ing committee, admitted that the explosion off the Florida coast had created extra strain in Allasta. "What bappened last night at JFK airport did creat a little more anxiety on our part," he said. "But I have worked with heads of state and I've never seen security as tight as it is around the Olympic stadium." There were plenty of other

sources of auxiety for Mischer as he prepared to co-ordinate the efforts of 5,500 performers and a backstage crew of 2100 or today's Opening Ceremony in front of an audience which will include the President.

"I worry about whether we will be able in get all the per-formers in the right places," Mischer said. "I worry about losing the Olympic flag. t worry

about the flame going nut."
The fact that five competing nations were still unconfirmed was news to him. Not good news. But in the circumstances, not that bad news either.

The preoccupation of the US press centred around the use of pick-up trucks during a section of the main display, and their suggestion of an unwelcome redneck image.

Mischer strongly denied the charge, pointing out that the vans were simply being used to trans-port heavy lights around the arena for a couple of minutes. He did, however, express regret that the van manufacturers Gencral Motors, one of the main Olympic sponsors, had gained

Next preoccupation up was the South's history of slavery. Had it been addressed in the ceremony?

That's a tough issue to create entertainment and spectaele out of," Mischer replied, although he pointed to elements in the display which could be construed as referring to the issue. Softly, softly round the issues.

The main sporting attraction in town yesterday was a far more boisterous press conference involving the US basketball team. Shaquille O'Neal, the tallest

and probably the richest member of the US Olympic team, declined to answer any questions on the subject of money and his move to the Los Angeles Lakers. "You'll have to come to my Reebok press conference later today," he said. But news had already leaked

out. At a stroke, the cheapest ticket prices for the Lakers next season rose from \$9.50 to \$21. As the Olympic movement gathers itself for its 100th anniversary celebrations, the business of business goes on.



A gymnast puts in some hard work at the Georgia Dome yesterday

Denmark out of British team

Rob Denmark, Britam's Commonwealth 5,000 metres champion, yesterday withdrew from the Olympics, citing poor form, writes Mike Rowbottom.

Denmark, who has recently suffered with Achilles tendon problems, said he was "not in sufficiently good shape" to take up his place. "Rob did not feel he would be able to do himself justice," the team spokesman, Tony Ward, said.

Denmark's withdrawal, before he left home for Britain's training camp in Tallahassee, Florida, means John Nuttall will be the only British 5,000m competitor.

A scheduling alteration by NBC, the network broadcasting organisation for the Games, will mean British television viewers waiting to see the likes of Linford Christie in the 100 metres and Michael Johnson in the 200 and 400 metres will have to stay up even longer into the NBC has persuaded the In-

ternational Amateur Athletic athletics programmes to accoon the West Coast

The track sessions of 27 July, which includes the 100m final. 7.55pm local time, has been moved to 9.10 - 2.10am in and I August, which features the 200m final, have been moved an hnur later. The 100m final now takes place at 2am British time on 28 July. The 200m final, pre-

"Do we want Michael Johnson tn run at 9pm instead of 8pm? Of course we do," said NBC vice president Ed Markey. Because viously due to take place at it enhances our prime time tele-

Shahbaz makes late dash

Shahbaz Ahmed, the former Shahbaz's late inclusion in the Pakistan captain, has settled a row with his country's hockey association and looks set to join the team's quest for Olympic

Shahbaz, who led Pakistan in the Barcelona Olympics and to the gold medal at the 1994. World Cup in Sydney, had re-fused to play under the new captain, goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmed, after leading a revolt against the team management two months ago.

Mudassar Asghar, the Pakistan Federation secretary, said that Shahbaz, one of the world's today. Pakistan are noping the tournament officials will permit Seoul Games.

16-man squad. Cliff Meidl, who will repre-

sent the United States in the kayak, is the miracle man of Atlanta. The Californian was working as a plumber's mate when he struck high-voltage cables with a pneumatic drill.

Meidl absorbed 30,000 volts 15 times the charge of an electric chair - and fell on to the drill with tore apart his knee. He suffered major burns, a portion of

Federation to shift several key leading forwards, had made his fer as part of his rehabilitation the stimulant, which incurs an peace and would go to Atlanta and found his inspiration from watching the kay

cast and makes it available to the biggest possible audience," Dean Capohianco, the Aus-

tralian sprinter suspended after a doping test showed traces of the banned steroid stanozoloi. has won leave to compete in the Games after an independent trihunal had ruled in his favour. Athletics Australia reported that there had been deficiencies in the handling of Capobianco's sample, and in the chain-ofcommand details recorded.

Italian high jumper Antonella Bevilacqua, who has tested positive for the banned stimulant ephedrine, will learn only next week if she can compete at the Olympics, athletics officials said yesterday. The International Amateur Athletic Federation said in a statement her case would be considered at its next council meeting on 25 July, the day before the Games' track programme begins.

his skull was blown open and he had three heart attacks.

Fifteen operations later, be was advised to take to the wawas advised to take to the waautomatic three-month ban, by mistake in an over-the-cou Chinese herbal medicine.

Trouble averted by Richardson

Rugby Union

DAVID LLEWELLYN

John Richardson, the new Rugby Football Union president, looks to have averted a potentially damaging row within the game's ranks with his initiative to resume talks with the other home unions over broadcasting rights for the Five Nations' Championship.
The Northern Division held

a three-hour meeting on Wednesday amid rumours of anger, unrest and the possibility of a petition for an SGM - the third of the year - which may well have called for the resignation of, among others, the RFU secretary Tony Hallett.

But after Richardson's announcement that day, and his appeal for patience from all members while the talks resumed, the meeting passed off smoothly. He confirmed that a special working party with two independent non-committee members was being set up to mvestigate the working practices of the RFU and relations between staff, officers and the various committees. It is expected to report to the president in early September with

recommendations for possible policy changes.

Richardson and Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU executive committee are to head a new RFU negotiating team at a meeting with the other home unions in Cardiff on Tuesday. The names, and number of the other members of the team. have yet to be announced. Since Brittle called for all the mem-bers of the original team who negotiated the much-criticised BSkyB deal, to stand down, there is some doubt as to what

Richardson will do. Paul Sampson, the Bradford schoolboy whn trained with England's Five Nations squad last winter, is to join Wasps on a three-year contract. The 19year-old has so far divided his rugby between his school and Ottey. Sampson won the Eng-lish Schools 100 metres title on his 19th birthday last Saturday

with a time of 10.48sec.
Richard Webster is heading back to rugby union after agre ing a three-year deal with Bath.
The Courage League champions will pay Salfurd Rugby
League Club around £40,000 for the 28-year-old forward who joined the rugby league ranks

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Lindsay to resist 'knee-jerk' changes

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

The Super League chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, has appealed for clubs to give the new Super League format a

chance and not to rush into another bout of restructuring. The meeting of the Rugby League Council today is due to debate a proposal from Lindsay's old club, Wigan, for yet another new system, involving splitting the league into two sections after one

home-and-away programme. "Clubs will be putting for-ward ideas, but what we do not want is any knee-jerk proposals, based on short-term interests," Lindsay said.

The plan of Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, would give top clubs more games against each other, but Lindsay the competition in its first

In another dig at the club he hrought to pre-eminence dur-ing the 1980s, Lindsay said that Wigan and Leeds had "lost the plot" during the inaugural season and that their falling crowds were pulling the averages down. Despite that, the League re-

leased figures yesterday to show that attendances are running well ahead of most clubs' averages over the last 20 years. Compared with the last

complete winter season in 1994-95, however, seven Super League clubs and a majority in the lower divisions are showing a decrease, which suggests that the case for summer rugby remains unproven.

The Council will finally make a decision today on South Wales' application to be fasttracked into Super League, but undermining the credibility of their application to be deferred.

EVENING RACING RESULTS

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4. Acquittal 20-1. 19 ran. 9-2 g fav Gilling Dencer, 12, 34. (E. Alston). Totte: £14.30; £3.00, £3.40, £1.30, £4.70, DF: £83.70. CSF: £142.59. Tricast: £680.09. Tric 7.45: 1. LADY MAIL (R Coctvane) 33-1;

des To Tell 11-10 fav. 3. Den 2. Stories To TeB 11-10 Ser 3. Domain Albil 2-1. 9 ran. 1/2, nk. U Eustace). Tota: £18.00; £3.30, £1.10, £1.20. DF: £18.20. CSF: £70.37. Teo: £52.80. B. 18: 1. BULSARA (Dean McKeown) 7-2; 2. Alabang 7-4 fay; 3. Field of Vision 10-1. 6 ran. Hd. Na. (C Farriurst). Tota: £4.90; £1.60, £1.90. DF: £4.50. CSF: £10.33.

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West Indies' new pace men

The West Indies have included two new young fast bowlers with the traditional attributes of size, strength and speed, if not statistics, for their tour of Australia starting in November,

of their great predecessors. It is

bowling in these parts

Adrian Griffith, a tall lefthanded opening batsman, is the only other newcomer. There is no room for Glamorgan's Ottis Gibson, only now overcoming a hernia operation, nor Leicestershire's Phil Simmons. WEST INDIES SQUAD for tour of Australia in November): C A Walsh (cast), J C Adams, C E L Ambrosse, K C G Bendram, I R Bahap, C O Browne, S L Campbell, S Chambergout, A F G Carl-tich, R I C Holder, C L Hooper, B C Lean, N A M McLean, J R Murray, R G Samuels, P I C Thomp-

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mers 3 Philadelphia 2; Colorado 4 San Francisco 3; Flonda 11 Houston 2; St Louis 6 Cincinnati ; San Diego 5 Los Angeles 4. Postponet: Hicago Cuos v Prosburgh.

Basketball Shaquille O'Neal is leaving the Orlando Magic for the Los Angeles Lakers in a seven-year deal worth more than £80m. Juwon Howard, of the Washington Bullets, has joined the Miami Heat for a reported £73m over seven

The New York State Athletic Commis-sion has rejected a protest by the heavy-weight boxer, Andrew Golota, seeking to overturn his disqualification in last week's bout with Riddick Bowe. Golota was disqualified in the seventh round for hitting Bowe below the belt for the

and Litton.

Martin Hodge, the former Sheffield Wednesday goalloeper, is rejoining the club from Plymouth as their first full-time goalloeping coach.

Mel Machin, manager of Bournemouth since 1994, has signed a new five-year contract with the Second Division club.

Rugby League Halifax have signed the Parramattta back, John Brewer, who goes straight into their side for the metch against Workington Town on Sunday. Halifex's stand-off, Martin Moena, will be avail-

The Bradford Bulls' Australian second-row forward, Jeremy Donougher, sent off against Wigan last Friday for a high tackle, has been given a verdict of send-ing off sufficient.

Rugby Union

Rugby Union

A group of 1.5 crippled players with serious spiral injuries has launched a damages legal action against the New Zealand Rugby Fortball Union. The quadriplege and tetraplegic former players are suing for exemplary damages, claiming the union's negligence caused their serious and permanent injuries. Tane Norton, the former All Black hooker and captain, is supporting the action and believes a compulsory Union-run player insurance scheme essential, as well as scrum instruction and control by coaches and referees. He also wants scrum-setting rules aftered to make the game safer. make the game safer.

Make the game salet.

Lionelli have signed three Weish International forwards, Andrew Gibbs from Newbridge, Mike Voyle from Newport and Bridgens's Stove Ford, who were all on Wales' recent tour of Australia

iter, the Division Four North club, have signed the former Midlands and Barbarians lock, Steve Lloyd, from NEW ZEALAND (Tri-series test v Sor

NEW ZEALAND (IT-senics test v south Africa, Lancasher Perit, Christohurch, to-morrow): C Cullen; J Wison, F Burios, W Li-tie, J Lome, A Mehraers, J Marshall; C Dowd. S Fitzpatric (capt), O Brown, R Brooke; J Jones, M Jones, J Kronield, Z Brooke, SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert, J Smail, J Mu-der, a Venter, P Hendricks; H Hontball, J van der Westhutsen: O du Randt, J Alan, M Hutter, M Andraws, J Ackenmann, G Telonmenn, R Kniger, F Pienaar (capt).

pionships, being staged within Ford Cork Week at Crosshaven. He was 36th in the first of two races, a result he will be able to discard, but which put the winner, John Connelly's Phoentx, Just one point behind in second place. De-spite elightly lighter airs, it was still the three Bashford-Howlson 41s which were dominating the big boat class, Joce-lyn Waller's Silk 2 recording another win over Nigel Bramwell's Hawk and Colm Barrington's Surfin' Shoes. The second race of the day produced the first win of the week for the lone med in the 478-bost fleet, Paddy O'Brien's Sorcery, with Silk 2, helmed by Gordon Maguire, second and Roy Dickson's Cracklin' Rose third.

A record fourth consecutive gold medal for Saily Cuthbert helped Britain retain the World Youth Championship in Newport, Rhode Island.

SPORTING DIGEST

tile Nastase was named president of the ATP Tour World Championship yesterday. The Romanian former world No 1 will oversee the operational and public relations side of the season-ending tournament, which pits the top eight players of the world against each other and is moving north to Hanover this year after six years in Frankfurt. Chris Wilkinson, the top seed and de-Chris Wildneson, trie top seed and de-fending champion, want out of the Man-chester Challenger tournament yesterday on a day when the top three seeds all made early exits. The former British Devis Cup player was beaten by the Spanlard Oscar Burneza, 3-6, 6-2, 7-8. Dick Notman, of Belgium, went out 7-6, 7-5 to Ben Elwood, of Australia, and another Britino. Denny Sasfert, the and another Briton, Danny Sapsford, the No 3 seed, lost to Germany's Lars Rehmann, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Rehmann, 5-4, 3-5, 5-3.

MANCHESTER CHALLENGER (Dicishory, Manchester) Meer's singles second round: 0 Burriezs (Sp) bt C Wilderson (GB) 3-6-2 7-6; F Wilder (Netr) bt C Haggard (SA) 7-6 6-2; L Rehmann (Gar) bt D Sepsind (GB) 6-4 3-6-3; P Tramacht (Mas) bt R Schuller (Ga) 6-1 1-6-6-3; T Spinks (GB) bt C Beecher (GB) 7-5-3-5 7-6; M Patchey (GB) bt R Vesek (Cz Reg) 6-3-2-6-8-2; N Gould (GB) bt N Behr (Isr) 2-6-6-2-6-3; 3 Elwood (Aus) bt O Nor-

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TODAY'S NUMBER

The total that Israel managed against England's National Cricket Association team in the European Championship, in Copenhagen, yesterday England scored 375 for 9 (C Clarke 119. M Roberts 69 S Waterton 50) to win by 337

Bruno wants to fight again

Boxing

Frank Warren has warned Frank Bruno that be must prove himself all over again if he wants a sixth world title fight.

Warren was surprised when he learned that Bruno had announced that he would fight on in search of another world title. Warren, who promoted Bruno's last contest - the defeat by Mike Tyson in Las Vegas four months ago - said: "It is up to him what he wants to do. He certainly hasn't discussed it with me.

"One thing is for certain. He will have to prove himself again with a clash against a top-rated opponent before he will be considered for a world title. He certainly isn't going to jump the queue ahead of people like the British champion, Scott Welch." Bruno has already informed the promoter Don King and would consider taking on Tyson again, although the new World Boxing Organisation champion, Henry Akinwande, is a more like-

ly opponent. Bruno said: "I want to fight on. I love what I do. I want to be the first British heavyweight fighter to win two world titles. My desire has not gone."

REPOLY MATCHES: Oundalk v Hearts' (7.45): Metening v Doncaster (7.30); Shel-bume v Leeds (7.45); St Albah's City v Ar-lener (7.30). Rugby League STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Oldham v St He-ims (at Boundary Park, 7, 30), Plest Olvision: Rochdale v Salions (7, 30), Sectoral Division: Rochdale v Salions (7, 30), Sectoral Division: 90st Humslet v Swinton (7, 30).

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Speedway

PREMIER LEAGUE: Belle Vue v Exeter: Ox-ford v Coventry.

Other sports GOLP: 125th Open Championship (Royal Lytham and St Annes). TENNIS: Men's International Challenger (Man-Chesser): LTA Women's Satellite Transitional (Firepoil)

Cricket ·

writes Tony Cozier. Nixon Alexei McNamara McLean, 22, and Patterson Ian Chesterfield Thompson, 24, also possess the type of flamboyant names characteristic of so many

the first tour for both. Nixon MeLean, a strapping 6ft 4in and from St Vincent, has been chosen on the flimsy evidence of 15 wickets in nine first-class matches at an average of 40. But he has created a favourable impression on those knowledgeable about fast

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesora 4 Chicago White Sor 3; Milwaukee 3 Detroit 2 (20 Minnes); Baltimore 11, Torroito 10; Karasas City 3 Cleveland 2; Boston 12 New York Yankees 11: Texas 7 Californa 3; Oaldand 7 Sestile 6.

Football

Bamsley have signed Paul Wilkinson, the Middlesbrough striker, having beaten off competition from Norwich, Portsmouth

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125TH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Conditions to the liking of Lytham specialist as Faldo keeps in touch with leaders

Becalmed Broadhurst sails ahead

TIM GLOVER

reports from Royal Lytham

Staging the Open Champi-onship on a links course without wind is a hit like running a grand prix with a fleet of Reliant Robins, Lytham was becalmed to such a degree that if you had placed a cigarette paper on top of the Blackpool Tower it have remained

undisturbed. A posse of Americans, who probably thought they were playing in the Arizona desert rather than on the Lancashire coast, took advantage of the conditions yesterday to appear on the leaderboard after the first round although a Midlander with a good track record around Royat Lytham set the standard. "When I looked at the leaderhoard." Paul Broadhurst said. *I was a bit concerned to see all

those Americans there." Broadhurst shot 65, six under par, equalling the course record established by Seve Ballesteros in his famous closing round in 1988, Carl Mason, who finished earle, hirdie to survive the final qualifying, also had a memorable round to keep Nick Faldo company on 68. Broadhurst's best finish in the Open was joint 12th at St Andrews in 1990 when he secred 63 in the third round. He is familiar with the course

here. Broadhurst won the Lytham Trophy eight years ago and went on to receive the silver medal as the leading amateur in the Open at Lytham. That was when it rained so heavily the championship went into a lifth day. There has hardly been a cloud on the horizon so far and the forecast is for more.

There is a huge public bar called the Open Arms to the left of the clubbouse and it was satisfying thirsts about eight hours before the sun slipped over the yard arm. "It's so flery out there it's not easy to keep the ball on the green. Broadhurst said. His round was extraordinary for a number of reasons. In the third round of the Scottish Open at Carmoustic last week Broadhurst took five putts at the 18th, four of them from about four feet. In the final round he shot 80 in a gale. "It destroys your swing." he said. "I've had to work hard the last three days to get it back."

Nobody starts an Open Championship by hitting, off the tee, a four-iron, two-iron, twoiron, two-fron and fire-fron on the first five holes. Broadburst did. His chipping and putting

be, for he lost count of the oumber of times he went through the

back of the green. However, he did not geed his wedge at the sixth where he hit a five-iron approach from 197 yards to within eight feet of the flag and sank the putt for an cagle three that got him to two under. He went out in 32, came home in 33 and had a total of only 23 putts.

You feel a hit of pressure when you are leading the Open," Broadhurst said. "I've played io the Ryder Cup and that's the most dauoting of all. I'm good enough to win but I'm not going around shouting my mouth off that I'm going to win the Open. If I'm in with a shout I will take it. Normally it's very windy here. It's most unusual. The course relies on the wind. It's summer here and you get some sunny days occasionally. I'm sure the Americans prefer it this way.

Nick Faldo, three strokes behind Broadhurst, also predicted

Bernhard Langer was having treatment last night for a shoulder injury which contributed to his disappointing first-round 75 at Lytham yesterday. He visited the course's physiotherapy unit before leaving vesterday. However, officials do not believe Langer's injury will force him to withdraw, although he will face a fitness test this morning.

a good week for the Americans.

No breeze, a short golf course," Faldo explained, as if the Americans were used to playing on nothing else. Faldo, who got up at 5am on his 39th birthday, hit a three-iron on the first tee into a bunker, came out to eight feet and missed the putt to record a bogey four. He had three birdies over the

back nine, "It was important to stay close to the leaders," he said. He thought the last nine holes were slow and added: They should put just enough water on them to keep them alive." He holed nothing until making a 20-footer to save par on the 13th. "The support from the crowd was unhelievable," Faldo said.

Fuzzy Zoeller, one of his playing partners, was under the impression that some of the cheers were for him. "I get a good reaction here because the still be in the bunker at the 17th." people see I'm enjoying myself," third after shanking a shot out except the fairway.

was exemplary and it needed to of a bunker. The ball hit a woman on the head and that was the last thing she needed as

her oeck was already in a hrace. No American professional has won the Open at Lytham although Bobby Jones triumphed here in 1926. "The Americans are going to be very strong this week," Faldo maintained. Mark Brooks, Mark O'Meara, Mark McCumber, Brad Faxon, Fred Couples, Loreo Roberts and Tom Lehman were all at four under as was the Japanese ptayer Hidemichi Tanaka.

Faxon, who led the Open going into the last round at Turnberry two years ago, played with Colin Montgomerie but despite this he thoroughly enjoyed himself. In fact, Faxoo sounded a klaxon for the Open and its traditions. "This," he said, "is the Olympics of golf, the oldest and higgest championship we play.
"Only 11 US Tour players

entered the qualifying and only seven turned up. I'm embarrassed by this and I'm not the only one. I doo't know why guys that are exempt do not come over."
He had in mind Scott Hoch,

who chose to play in Mississippi.

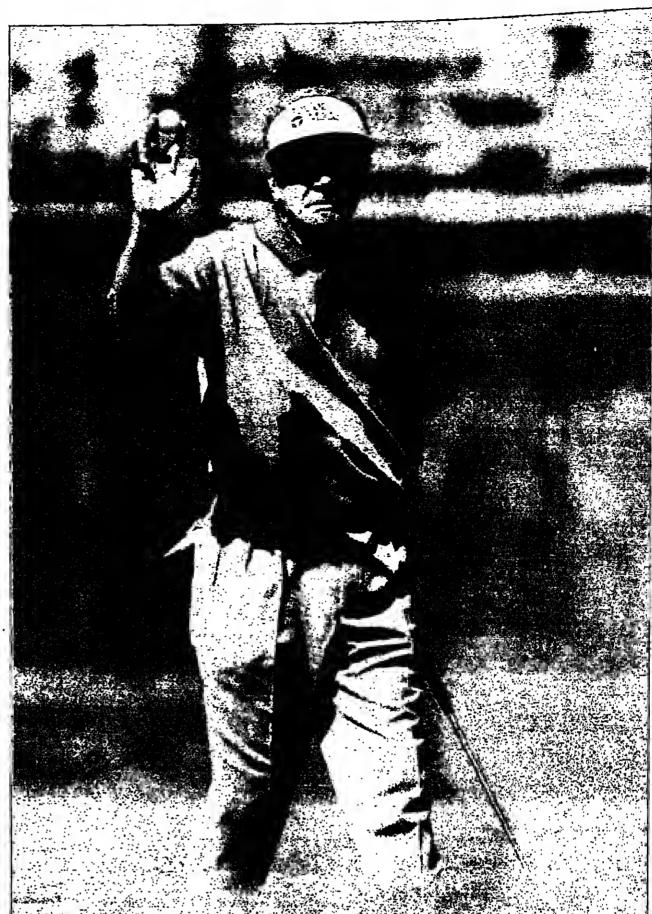
I know Mississippi will shoot me hut they should oot have a tournament against the British Open. If Hoch wins in Mississippi who cares? He has oo business staying home." There is a suspicion that Faxon would be a popular winner with the Royal and Ancient.

Tanaka, who has barely ventured out of Japan, described his 67 as the best of his life. "If I had to mark every round out of 100 I'd give myself 20,000," he said, mysteriously. Tanaka is from Hiroshima and is making his first visit to Europe. He gained an exemption by finishing in the top five on the Japanese Tour. "I oever imagined I could have my name on the leaderboard," he said. "Even now 1 can't helieve it."

Nor can Paul Azinger. He missed a putt at the ninth and reacted by hreaking his putter over his knee. Forced to putt with a sand iron he finished with

John Daly, the defending champion, got to five under after 11 holes but dropped strokes over the back nine. "I let a good opportunity slip away," Daly, who shot 70, said. "But it could have been worse. I con

lan Woosnam knows the feeling. He took a quadruple Fuzzy said. Robert Allenby, feeling. He took a quadruple bogey seven at the virtually every part of the hole



Pretty in pink: Paul Broadhurst acknowledges the crowd at the 18th yesterday

Photograph: Robert Hallam | Barcelona."

Redgrave to carry British flag again

Olympic Games **GUY HODGSON** reports from Atlanta

Steve Redgrave was about to blow up about the transportation system in Atlanta vesterday when the British Olympic Association poured water on his ire. Instead of raising the roof he will lift the flag at the opening

ceremony tonight.

The BOA chose the threetimes rowing gold medailist to carry the Union Jack ahead of several other highly qualified candidates, so instead of Linford Christie getting a chance to lead the team round the Centennial Olympic Stadium for the first time. Redgrave will become the first Briton to fly the flag for the second time. He will be making history even before he gets to the water.

"I'm very, very surprised," Redgrave, who will defend the coxless pairs title with Matthew Pinsent, said. "I knew my name had gone forward but I didn't believe for a second they'd ask me again. To think that the sport of rowing has been given the coportunity to lead the team twice is a fantastic honour.

"The bus carrying the rowing team got lost on the way from Atlanta to Lake Lanier and when I arrived I was playing heil about it. Someone said to me you don't know about it do vou?". When I was told, it stopped me complaining I can tell you.

The decision means the 34year-old Redgrave will be detained by the opening celebrations until after midnight, less than 36 hours before he and Pinscot are due to take to the water in the heats building up to the finals on Saturday

"It's not ideal," he agreed, hut in theory we are among the strongest crews here and the heats should not take that much out of us. If the finals were imminent it would be a different matter."

Redgrave, who would hecome the first Briton to win gold medals in four Olympics if he is successful, said the pressul, seemed to be declining rather than escalating as the event draws nearer.

ists on the phone in the last three weeks since the rowing team went to Canada and theo came here.

"When I compare that to the previous six mooths when 1 seemed to be doing three or four interviews every day it feels very low key.

"I'm relaxed, much more so than at the same stage at

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Tanaka	3	3	4	4	3	4	5	3	2	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	31	36	6
Fauxon	3	4	4	4	2	4	5	4	2	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	32	35	•
O'Meara.	2	15	4	4	2	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	5	32	35	6
Lehman	3	4	4	3	2	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	5	3	4	3	3	4	32	35	6
Roberts	2	4	4	3	2	5	4	5	3	3	5	2	4	4	5	4	3	5	32	35	6
Faldo	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	-3	3	4	4	3	35	33	
Daly	3	4	3	4	2	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	31	39	7

Unisys: Information Services for Sport Medical chief criticises spectators

Allen said: "People should re-alise that, to these 80-degree

The Open medical chief, Michael Allen, last night criticised speciators at Lytham for temperatures, they must cover ported dealing with more than

their stupidity after his staff re- their heads and arms. It's as warm up here now as it is in Iomorrow I can tell them they 250 cases of heat exhaustion and Gran Canaria. "We've been very busy over And Open officials asked the BBC's Peter Alliss to put out the number of spectators we ed to issue the television warn-

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the last two days, and 250 is just repeated pleas for fans to cov- know about. I'm sure there ings. I hope it has an effect as er up properly with the heat- have been many more, espewave due to continue over the cially today.

"Most of the cases we have

like lohsters tonight. "That's why we have decid-

it will be even hotter tomorrow. People just have to be more sen-

heat-stroke and severe sun-

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will be struggling as they will be

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